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### Rootless and persecuted

Some of the 15,000 Meskhetian Turks who fled to refugee camps after ethnic violence broke out between native Uzbeks and Meskhetians, a minority group deported by Josef Stalin to Central Asia from Georgia in 1944. Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov denounced communist officials

who took part in the ethnic riots which left at least 100 people dead. (Reuter wirephoto)

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## NEWSWATCH

### Sir Rex

LONDON, June 17, (Reuter): Veteran British actor Rex Harrison received a knighthood in a traditional annual honours list marking the official birthday of Queen Elizabeth.

Harrison, 81, began acting in 1924 and won a Hollywood Oscar for his best-known role as professor Henry Higgins in the 1964 movie "My Fair Lady". A fellow movie star, former US president Ronald Reagan, received an honorary knighthood from the Queen at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday.

### Imelda upset

HONOLULU, June 16, (AP): Imelda Marcos says it was "outrageous" that US marshals served a federal civil summons on her husband, former Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos, at St. Francis Medical Centre where he is critically ill.

The summons is based on a civil lawsuit filed by the federal government against the Marcoses in connection with criminal racketeering charges lodged against them last fall. The civil and criminal complaints accuse the Marcoses of stealing more than \$100 million from the Philippines and using it to buy real estate and other assets in the United States.

### Noriega's \$50m

NEW YORK, June 16, (AP): Panama's de facto ruler, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, has deposited at least \$50 million in secret European bank accounts since 1982, the US television network NBC news reported.

The network reported yesterday that the secret Noriega bank accounts are detailed in documents obtained during a money laundering investigation by the US and British governments. The documents were seized in October in London by British authorities after Noriega's bank, the Bank of Credit and Commerce, was indicted in the drug money case in Florida, the network reported.

### Gold no, water yes

MUSCAT, June 16, (AP): An Omani tribesman who struck gold while digging a well said he would continue looking for water, family members said yesterday.

Rashid Nassiri, 35, was hunting for water with his brother when he unearthed gold deposits 70 feet (18 metres) down, said the family. He handed his samples to the tribal Sheikh of Ibbi, a desert plain 200 miles (320 kilometres) west of Muscat, saying he was not interested in it, said the family.

### Disagreement

LUXEMBOURG, June 16, (AP): The 12 European Economic Community countries failed to agree Wednesday on regulating television programmes in their future single market. At least five countries, including West Germany, Holland and Belgium, disagreed with the so-called "television without borders" directive that was submitted for final adoption. A new discussion of the project was scheduled for next month.

## Official indicates Zhao purged

# China tries to hoodwink

BEIJING, June 16, (Agencies): China today stepped up its propaganda campaign to convince the world that the country is stable and returning to normality, but news of more arrests and stern warnings to dissenters suggested otherwise.

While three workers facing execution for sabotage awaited news of their last-ditch appeal, authorities said they were holding another student activist accused of playing a leading role in recent pro-democracy protests.

State radio said Ma Shaofang, 25, from the Beijing Film Academy, gave himself up to police. He is the fourth from a "wanted" list of 21 alleged protest leaders to be captured since a nation-wide manhunt was launched on Tuesday.

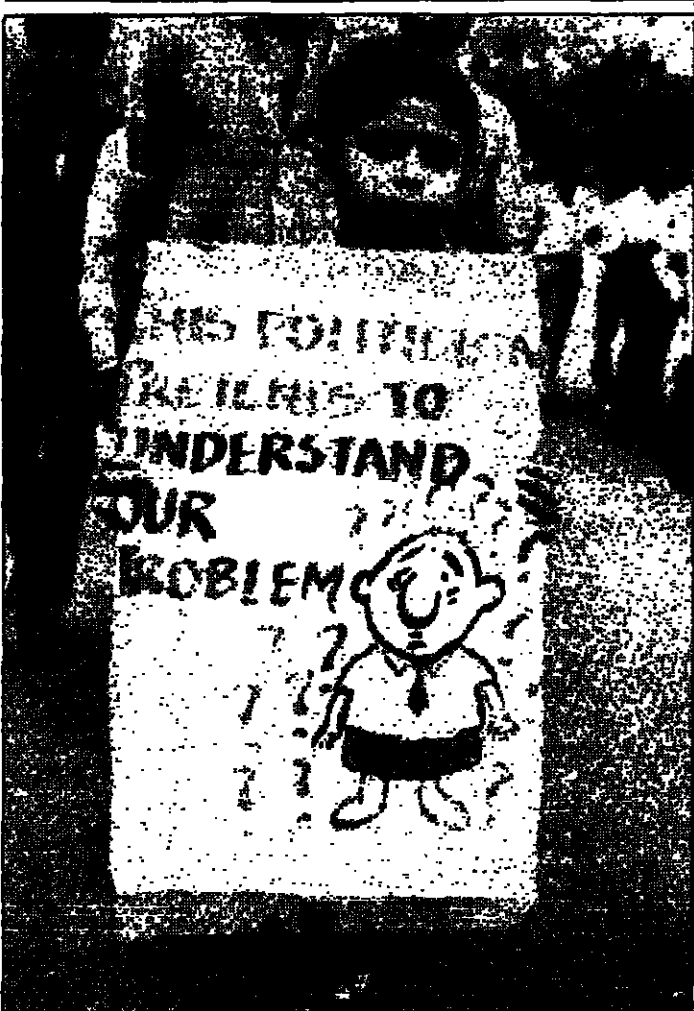
Television reported five more arrests in Beijing of four of them youths who stole machineguns to fire at troops called in to crush the demonstrations in the capital's Tiananmen Square.

## Saudi bank sues Khashoggi

NEW YORK, June 16, (Reuter): A Saudi Arabian bank filed a lawsuit in a New York federal court yesterday seeking to seize a posh flat owned by jailed Saudi financier Adnan Khashoggi.

The National Commercial Bank, based in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, claimed that Khashoggi borrowed \$22.75 million from the bank in August 1986 but has failed to pay the interest or any of the principal and now owes \$28.6 million.

Named as defendant is Akrop NV, a Netherlands/Antilles corporation controlled by Khashoggi.



### Heartless

A young boy with a heart ailment protests near Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's house against the unavailability of medical facilities in New Delhi because of a strike by junior doctors. About 3,500 doctors are on strike for the last four weeks for higher wages. The strike has paralysed medical service in the Indian capital. (Reuter wirephoto)

## KD 20,000 compensation for kidnapped baby

A COUPLE, whose new-born baby was kidnapped from the Maternity Hospital, have been awarded KD20,000 as compensation to be divided equally between them.

The couple had filed a case against the administration of the Maternity Hospital asking for a compensation of KD50,000. They informed the court that the wife had given birth to three babies normally. However, in this particular case the wife delivered through a Caesarean operation and the infant was kept in the supervisor's ward

along with the mother.

In the afternoon after the delivery, the husband and his mother visited the wife and saw the baby and brought the infant from the supervisor's room to be seen by the wife.

Before leaving the hospital, the husband and his mother went to see the child, but were shocked to see him missing. On asking the nurse on duty, they were told that a woman dressed with "aba'a" (cloak) with a mask (veil) covering her face had taken the baby.

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# ACC scraps entry visas

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, June 16, (Reuter): Egypt, Iraq, North Yemen and Jordan, aiming to forge a new economic bloc linking 80 million Arabs, today scrapped entry visa requirements and pledged to employ more of each others' nationals.

Their leaders, holding the second summit of the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC), also agreed to study setting up joint ventures to boost economic output, ACC secretary general Helmi Nammur said.

Egypt's Hosni Mubarak, Iraq's President Saddam Hussein, Jordan's King Hussein and President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen began talks yesterday in the

Mediterranean resort city of Alexandria.

Nammur told a news conference that the leaders abolished with immediate effect entry visa requirements for visits by their nationals to the other ACC countries. He did not give further details.

Each country would give priority to nationals of the other three when employing foreign workers, Nammur said.

Two million Egyptians already work in Iraq and hundreds of thousands in Jordan.

But Nammur said the ACC, set up in February to promote economic integration, would not rush to scrap customs duties and other trade barriers as that could create econ-

omic imbalances.

"We are very keen that the integration be gradual. The question of commerce will come at a later stage," he said.

Nammur said the four leaders agreed to hold their next summit in Sanaa in September. They have also agreed to set up a permanent headquarters in Amman, with a budget of \$2 million.

The leaders arrived yesterday and drove in an open car 10 kms (six miles) along the sea front, waving to thousands of cheering onlookers.

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## Children wounded in Israeli air raid

RASHIDIYEH, Lebanon, June 16, (AP): Israeli warplanes today blasted a base of the commando group led by Abu Nidal, the first attack against this southern refugee camp in seven years.

Police said two children were wounded in a house near the beachside base of Abu Nidal's Fatah-Revolutionary Council.

A police spokesman said a casualty report from the stricken base within the camps was not available.

Abu Nidal's commandos, dressed in green fatigues and toting automatic rifles, sealed off the camp's water front and part of its eastern edge, refusing to allow reporters and photographers to survey the damage.

The commandos said both sites were hit by the Israeli jet fighters in two runs within 10 minutes.

An official of Yasser Arafat's PLO who goes by the code name Abu Riad, told reporters the raid targeted a "Fatah-RC camp for training commando units below (age) 10 on the eastern edge of Rashidiyeh."

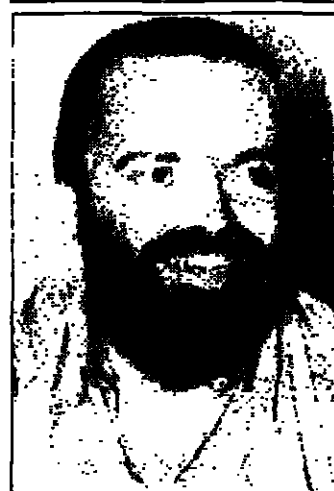
## 3 killed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 16, (Reuter): Israeli soldiers shot and killed three Palestinians and wounded 40 today in clashes in the occupied territories, Arab hospital and Palestinian sources said.

A police spokesman said the wounded children were a five-year-old girl named Rahmah Abdul Ali and Ahmed Moussa, six.

Abu Nidal's commandos roughed up local news reporters who entered Rashidiyeh to check on the damage shortly after the Israeli planes struck. They also confiscated film.

In occupied Jerusalem, a military spokesman said Israeli jet fighters raided a base in Rashidiyeh, destroyed all targets and returned safely.



### All smiles

Belgian doctor Jan Cools smiles as he walked into freedom after 13 months of captivity on Thursday. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Black smoke billows from the fuel tanker hit by Syrians. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Syrians hit fuel tanker

## Aoun vows revenge

BEIRUT, June 16, (Agencies): Christian leader Gen. Michel Aoun warned Syria today that his troops will attack its supply routes through Lebanon's mountains after Syrian shellfire hit a tanker carrying badly needed gasoline for his besieged enclave, setting it ablaze.

"Roads leading to capitals of occupation (forces) will not be safe henceforth," the 54-year Army commander declared in a statement broadcast by the state-run radio.

"We shall confront this foreign enemy with the courage of a warrior at the front," he said. The 40,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon, mainly in Muslim regions, rely on the network of roads running from Damascus, the Syrian capital, for their supplies.

Aoun did not spell out how his forces, outnumbered 4-1, would interdict the highways.

His US-made artillery has pounded the roads, mainly in the Syrian-controlled Bekaa valley of east Lebanon, several times in recent weeks.

But he could also use hit-and-run commando raids, land mines or car bombs.

The tanker was hit by Syrian artillery yesterday evening, 500 yards (metres) off the Christian port of Tabarja, 15 miles (25 kilometres) north of Beirut.

The Syrians have been blockading the Christian enclave north of Beirut since mid-March, daily-pounding the coastline, in retaliation for a Christian blockade of illegal ports run by Muslim militias.

A police spokesman said that tanker was named the Timex Star.

But Lloyd's shipping intelligence unit in London, which monitors shipping around the world, said its agents in Beirut identified it as the 1,507-ton tanker, Chemical, owned by the Chemicol Co. of Piraeus, Greece.

Christian gunboats tried to salvage some of the cargo of three million litres (660,000 gallons) of gasoline, but it all burned. The tanker was still ablaze today.

The gunboat crews rescued 13 of the tanker's crew, nine Indians and four Lebanese, after they abandoned the burning vessel. One Indian crewman is still missing and presumed dead, the spokesman said.

The Christian enclave has been paralysed by an acute gasoline shortage since March 30, when the main fuel depots in east Beirut were destroyed by Syrian shellfire.

US President Bush, meeting Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal, called Wednesday for the "withdrawal of all foreign forces and the disbandment of the militias" from Lebanon, a White House spokesman announced.

France's new ambassador to Lebanon today took the unprecedented step of presenting copies of his credentials to the heads of Lebanon's two rival cabinets.

## Right hearted girl



Mariem, tired

A GIRL, aged four and a half years, in Kuwait has been diagnosed as having her heart on the right side and her appendix on the left.

A local daily who reported the case identified the girl as Mariem Khalil whose father works at Kuwait Municipality.

Her father said that the family did not know that there were abnormalities. But, when she started repeatedly complaining of being exhausted, he took her to a physician who informed him that the heart was placed on the right side of the body and had one ventricle. The doctor operated, but the girl still complained of tiredness.

## Bush to be subpoenaed

WASHINGTON, June 16, (Reuter): Attorneys for former White House aide John Poindexter said today they plan to subpoena President George Bush and former president Ronald Reagan at his Iran-Contra trial.

The disclosure, made at a pre-trial hearing, raised the prospect of new problems for Bush and Reagan, both of whom have been trying to put the Iran-Contra scandal behind them.

"My client had substantial contact with both individuals during the events outlined in the indictment," defence attorney Richard Beckler said.

Poindexter, White House national security adviser under Reagan, has taken responsibility for authorising the covert activities conducted during the Iran-Contra affair. Bush was vice-president at the time.

Both Reagan and Bush received subpoenas from the defence at the Iran-Contra trial of former White House aide Oliver North, but the judge in the North case ruled that their testimony was not necessary or relevant.



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## Researchers shed new light on possible treatment for jet lag

WASHINGTON, June 16, (AP): Travellers suffering from jet lag may be on the verge of being able to reset their biological clocks, says a scientist who is researching effects of bright light on the body.

Dr Charles Czeisler and his colleagues have succeeded in moving test subjects' body clocks forward or backward with some consistency but only in carefully controlled experiments

and not yet with enough precision to be a useful therapy for travellers.

Eventually, said Czeisler, a researcher at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, scientists will be able to use light to treat jet lag, insomnia and other problems with the body's wake-sleep cycle.

In a study to be published today, Czeisler said he and fellow investigators have demonstrated that light

equivalent to that of the rising sun can cause the body to reset its biological clock.

When such light shows up at the wrong time, it can plunge the body's wake-sleep cycle — called the Circadian Rhythm — into a warring disorder that is out of phase with the sun. Airline travellers know this as jet lag, but it's also a problem for night shift workers and for thousands of people

with sleep disorders, said Czeisler.

"When you leave here to fly overnight to London, the flight arrives over there at 6 or 7 in the morning," he said. "When you go outside, you are getting an exposure to light that is resetting you in exactly the opposite direction than what you wish to be set."

The studies at the Harvard University Centre for Circadian and Sleep Disorders Medicine are designed to help

learn how to control the setting of the body clock, Czeisler said in an interview on Wednesday.

He and other investigators put 14 young men into a darkened laboratory free of any external time cues, and then exposed them to light from fluorescent lamps that mimicked the intensity of the dawn sun.

Czeisler said the scientists found that by carefully controlling the light

exposure, they could reset the body clock of the test subjects in any direction, depending on when the light was applied.

He said exposure at one part of the cycle would move the body clock backward, an eastward time shift, and that exposure at another time would have the opposite effect. Exposure at some points in the biological day, said Czeisler, would cause no change.

### Copper-7 firm to settle claims

SKOKIE, Illinois, June 16, (AP): G.D. Searle and Co. and a law firm have agreed to settle more than 100 claims over a contraceptive device women say caused a variety of medical problems, a company spokeswoman said yesterday.

Searle spokeswoman Kay Bruno said the agreement, which still requires approval from all the individuals represented by the law firm of Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi of Minneapolis, bars

disclosure of the terms and conditions of the settlement.

Ms Bruno confirmed the June 9 agreement in response to questions from the media. She also said the settlement does not hurt the financial positions of Searle or its parent, Monsanto Corp.

Ms Bruno said about 350 other lawsuits stemming from Searle's Copper-7 device were pending in state and federal courts.

### Study: light cigarettes don't lower heart risks

BOSTON, June 16, (AP): Switching to low-nicotine brands of cigarettes does not reduce women's risk of heart attacks, even though ads imply that "light" cigarettes are safer, a new study concludes.

The study found that women who smoke cigarettes that are low in nicotine and carbon monoxide face about four times the usual risk of suffering first-time non-fatal heart attacks. This is the same as the increased risk in those who smoke ordinary brands.

"For smokers who wish to reduce their risk," the researchers wrote, "switching to low-yield brands is a poor alternative to quitting."

Earlier studies already had reached similar conclusions in men.

The latest study was based on a comparison of 910 women with first heart attacks and 2,375 other hospital patients. It was conducted by Dr Julie R. Palmer of Boston University Medical School's Sloan Epidemiology Unit.

The study notes that women are more likely than men to smoke light cigarettes, and ads for these brands imply that they are safe — or at least safer.

"The present large study offers substantial evidence against this claim," they wrote.

Nicotine and carbon monoxide increase the risk of heart attacks. The researchers suggest that smokers who switch to low-yield brands manage to take in just as much of these substances by taking more puffs or inhaling more deeply.



**Beatles' Bentley for sale**

The Beatles' 1956 psychedelic Bentley gets plenty of attention outside Christie's East. On Wednesday, the car, decorated in bold shades of orange, green, pink, lavender, maroon, yellow and blue, will go on sale. It is expected to fetch \$800,000 to 1 million. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Fibre reduces cholesterol: study

CHICAGO, June 16, (Reuter):

A study released yesterday provided more evidence that psyllium, a natural fibre made from seed husks and found in products ranging from breakfast cereals to a widely sold laxative, can reduce cholesterol.

Researchers at the University of Minnesota and the Hennepin County Medical Centre in Minneapolis found that the fibre reduced cholesterol levels by 4.8 per cent.

The patients in the study had been on a low-fat diet for three

months before the psyllium therapy began, and the cholesterol reductions were in addition to what they had achieved before.

The study, which involved 75 patients, used daily doses of metacucil, a laxative in which psyllium is a key ingredient.

It is also an ingredient along with oat bran and other grains in "benefit," a cereal which General Mills began selling regionally earlier this year and which is touted as a cholesterol-reducing food.

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## Finding deepens AIDS mystery

WASHINGTON, June 16, (Agencies): Scientists reported yesterday the discovery of a new door through which the AIDS virus can slip into cells, a finding that may make it more difficult to develop treatments and vaccines than previously thought.

In findings published in the Journal of Science, University of California-San Francisco researchers said certain molecules produced by the body's immune system appear to open a previously unsuspected gate for the deadly virus to invade cells.

Scientists already know the human immunodeficiency virus or HIV, which causes AIDS, usually enters and infects key immune cells by an entrance called the CD4 receptor. Some of the most promising AIDS drugs under development centre on blocking the virus from attaching to that receptor.

But in the new study, a team led by Drs Jay Levy and Jacques Homsy found some antibodies the body generates in the effort to fight off AIDS-infection do not work properly, and can actually help strains of the AIDS virus enter cells in ways they normally would not.

Scientists have been aware of the existence of such antibodies for about a year, and have dubbed them "enhancing" antibodies because they boost rather than fight off infection. However, the new work by the UCSF researchers pinpoints the mechanism by which enhancing antibodies appear to make matters worse.

In their study, the scientists found when such antibodies bind to the AIDS virus, they enable the virus to enter cells through a gate called the FC receptor, particularly in a type of infection-fighting white blood cells called macrophages.

The UCSF team demonstrated that when the FC receptor was blocked with another type of antibody, the enhancing antibodies were no longer able to help the AIDS virus gain entry to the cell.

The researchers are now trying to find the part of the AIDS virus that triggers production of enhancing antibodies.

Homsy warned that vaccine researchers should make sure their formulas do not prompt the body to produce large amounts of enhancing antibodies. If such antibody production is triggered, it could put immunised people at greater risk of becoming infected with the AIDS virus, he said.

The UCSF finding also indicates that therapies that only block the CD4 receptor may not prove to be good disease fighters by themselves, and a combination of drugs may be needed.

A destitute AIDS patient's plea to "die with dignity" has prompted a Canadian insurance company to pay benefits to terminally ill people before they die.

The initiative by the Canadian arm of Prudential Insurance Co. of America, called "living benefits", has attracted inquiries from the United States, Australia, Ireland and Trinidad.

"It eliminates some of the financial stress of dying," Prudential Canada President Ron Barbaro said in an interview. "It doesn't seem right that there is money available after death but there is nothing right now when they need it."

The move has been applauded by AIDS activists and cancer groups as compassionate and helpful to patients needing to pay for medical care and basic necessities.

Barbaro came up with the idea while working as a volunteer at a Toronto AIDS hospice. An impoverished patient told him that with some insurance benefits he could "die with dignity."

New infections with the AIDS virus are occurring at an "alarming" rate of 600 per year in the army, likely making the disease the No.1 peacetime killer of US soldiers, researchers said Wednesday.

And the incidence of new AIDS virus infection in black and Hispanic soldiers was 2.33 times higher than the incidence in white soldiers, they said.

"New infections are continuing to occur at an alarming rate," said Dr John G. McNeil of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington.

The study, which appears in the New England Journal of Medicine, found that 1 in 1,300 soldiers is being infected by the AIDS virus each year.

The US government will spend about as much this year on AIDS research and prevention as it does for cancer or heart disease and far more than it devotes to other major killers, an analysis shows.

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# Civil rights groups alarmed by court ruling

## California law on parental rights upheld

WASHINGTON, June 16. (Agencies): Civil rights groups have reacted with alarm to a US Supreme Court ruling limiting the scope of racial harassment suits, calling it an unprecedented retreat from legal protections for racial minorities and women.

The uproar stemmed from the ruling handed down yesterday by the highest US court, which upheld a historic civil rights law used to fight non-governmental acts of discrimination, but said it did not apply to racial harassment lawsuits.

Civil rights leaders bitterly attacked the ruling, the fourth defeat they have suffered

this year from the court that has been increasingly influenced by the conservative appointees from Ronald Reagan's presidency.

They said the series of rulings represented an unprecedented retreat restricting the rights of racial minorities and women to sue for discrimination and could revive racial discrimination at the workplace and in private schools.

"In upholding (the law) but creating an exception for racial harassment, the Supreme Court has opened up a loophole that threatens to swallow the protections formerly afforded by the 1866 Civil Rights

Act," said Julius Chambers of the Legal Defence and Educational Fund of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People.

In another ruling, the Supreme Court yesterday upheld the constitutionality of a California law that presumes a woman's husband is the father of her child.

The court, in a 5-4 decision written by Justice Antonin Scalia, ruled the constitutional rights of a man trying to prove he is the father of a child are not violated by a state law that provides that a child born to a married woman living with her husband, who is neither impotent or sterile, is

presumed to be the child of the marriage. Scalia said that longstanding history and tradition accord "Constitutional protection to certain parental rights," and that the "presumption of legitimacy was a fundamental principle of the common law."

Justices William Brennan, Byron White, Thurgood Marshall and Harry Blackmun dissented, with Brennan writing. "The atmosphere surrounding today's decision is one of make-believe."

The case was brought by a man who had an affair with a married woman, who later gave birth to a daughter.



### All systems go

Tony Aliengena (left) gives a thumbs up as he prepares to take off on an around the world flight. The flight will take the 11-year-old record-breaking pilot to a Kremlin meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. With Tony is his 10-year-old Soviet pen pal, Roman Tchermnykh. (Reuter wirephoto)

### PEOPLE AND PLACES

ALBANY, New York: New York's highest court ordered a new trial yesterday for two art dealers accused of staging the theft of ancient Persian artifacts in order to collect an \$18.5 million insurance policy.

The Court of Appeals unanimously overturned jury convictions against London art dealer Henshaw Mahboubian and Manhattan art dealer Nadjetallah Sakhal. Both had been found guilty of attempted grand larceny, burglary and conspiracy.

The appeals court said a trial judge erred in allowing the two dealers to be tried together. The defenses of the two men were so different and conflicting that the original jury could have been prejudiced into thinking they must have been guilty, the Court of Appeals said.

The court said that although Manhattan district attorney Robert Morgenthau's proof of the conspiracy and attempted grand larceny charges was "largely circumstantial," it was enough for a conviction.

The case involves an alleged scheme that would have allowed Mahboubian to have his collection of Persian artifacts stolen so the could collect his \$18.5 million insurance policy from Lloyd's of London.

According to the charges, Mahboubian was to get his collection back after the claim was paid by Lloyd's. Sakhal arranged for the burglars and helped co-ordinate the scheme from the United States, the charges said.

The collection of bowls and utensils, some made of gold and silver, dated back as far as 650 BC and were found by Mahboubian's father on an excavation in what is now Iran, said Mahboubian's lawyer, Nathan Dershowitz.

The alleged conspiracy was short-circuited because one of the hired burglars had agreed to act as a police informant and secretly recorded all of the burglars' conversations with Sakhal, the court said. New York City police arrested the burglars in the middle of the January 1986 theft from the warehouse. (AP)

SANTA ROSA, California: A former winery worker accused of killing his wife, two small children and four other people blamed drugs for the April 14 wine-country rampage, it was reported Wednesday.

The Santa Rosa Press Democrat said in a copyright story that Ramon Salcido made the explanation in a telephone call to the newspaper Tuesday. It was his second call to the paper. In the first he did not admit the killings.

"I want to tell all these people, sometimes you do things when you're on drugs and alcohol," Salcido was quoted as saying. "It wasn't me who did that. It was the drugs."

Witnesses told investigators Salcido spent the night before the killings drinking and using cocaine.

Salcido, 28, also said in the call from his Sonoma county jail cell that he could accept the death penalty because, without his wife and two children, "I am a dead man anyway."

Salcido was charged with killing his wife, Angela, 27, their daughters, Sofia, 4, and Teresa, 1, his mother-in-law, Marian Richards, 47, two of her daughters, Ruth, 12, and Marie, 8, and winery coworker Tracy Trevey, 35. (UPI)

WINDSOR, England: A fire swept through a dormitory at the exclusive boys boarding school Eton College yesterday, forcing the evacuation of more than 50 students, school officials said. No injuries were reported.

A pupil's stereo player in a third-floor bedroom may have overloaded the electrical circuits and caused the blaze that swept through Walpole House just after lunchtime, fire fighting and school officials said.

School staff and up to 70 firefighters fought the fire at the 82-year-old Georgian-style building.

Housemaster James Cook, said "The fire was very intense and spread very quickly. No one has been injured but there is a great deal of damage to the building."

Pupil Christopher Hargreaves-Allen, 14, said: "We have lots of fire drills, night and day, so everyone knew what to do." (AP)

### \$4,000 in trash Treasure hunt

APOLLO BEACH, Florida, (UPI): Kay Allen donned a hard hat and gloves and plunged into the search for missing treasure — \$4,000 in family cash that wound up somewhere in 10 tons of garbage.

Her husband John Allen said he withdrew the money from a bank to buy a car for his daughter. Fearing theft, he put it in a brown paper bag and stashed it in a garbage can — thinking that was the last place thieves would look.

Be he neglected to tell his wife, and on Monday, the paper bag containing the cash was dumped with the family's trash into a garbage truck, mixing it with an estimated 10 tons of rubbish.

What followed was a search through a huge load of sinking garbage that eventually yielded the money. After her husband realised the paper bag had gone out with the garbage, Mrs Allen showed up at the county trash transfer facility. She was joined by four county workers and they began to dig into the rubbish.

County Crew Manager Spike Charles said he and his workers had dumped the entire truckload of garbage onto the transfer terminal floor and about given up hope, but after four hours Mrs Allen came up with the bag of money.

"We really couldn't tell if she was laughing or crying," Charles said.

## Let it be, warship survivor implores

HAMBURG, West Germany, June 16. (Reuter): A survivor of the sunken Nazi battleship Bismarck appealed yesterday for it to be left in peace, fearing people would seek souvenirs from the ship in which more than 2,000 German sailors died 48 years ago.

Hans Zimmermann, 68, a stoker aboard the pride of Adolf Hitler's navy, said he was opposed to the expedition that found the Bismarck last Monday about 600 miles off France.

"I am of the opinion that one ought to leave the wreck in peace," Zimmermann said. "One ought to leave the dead in peace."

The Bismarck's discoverer, US oceanographer Robert Ballard, said on Wednesday it should be left as a memorial to the 2,100 crew members when it was sunk on its maiden voyage.

Zimmermann was pleased by Ballard's intentions, but said: "Souvenir hunters are everywhere. And some are crazy enough to buy these souvenirs for a lot of money."

The 41,700-ton ship went down in one of the crucial sea battles of World War Two on May 27, 1941, less than a month after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"Our orders were: fight to the last shell. We were out of heating oil, drinking water, shells. I had been on duty for 16 hours, securing leaks, when the English at 8 am hit us on the head with 800 tons of shells," he said.

Ballard said he filmed the wreck with the same robot cameras he used in finding the ocean liner Titanic, which sank in the North Atlantic in 1912.

He said the Bismarck was sitting upright on the bottom, well preserved on the dark, cold Atlantic seafloor under 15,000 feet (4,600 metres) of water. No trace of the dead was found.

The argument moved to a trailer across the street, where Gaskins killed Robbie Ledbetter, 49, her son Robert, 25, and daughter Wanda, 28, then shot himself, the sheriff said.

Barnes said Gaskins' 42-year-old wife, Ella Mae, suffered a seizure after the shootings. She was listed in good condition today at Bruce Hospital.

Richard Ledbetter, 19, another son of Mrs. Ledbetter's, was in critical condition today at McLeod with multiple gunshot wounds, Clark said. (AP)

SEATTLE: Joseph Hazelwood, the former Exxon skipper whose tanker ran aground and caused the biggest oil spill in US history, was heckled aboard an airline flight by passengers who videotaped him and called him "a real jerk."

Alaska Airlines spokesman Lee Cancalmi said airport police were asked to meet the plane and ensure peace when the flight from Anchorage arrived Tuesday night in Seattle.

Hazelwood was on the first leg of his trip back to New York with two attorneys, one of whom asked the passengers to stop the videotaping, which they did, Cancalmi said.

The plane carried about 35 passengers and was not crowded, he said.

A passenger aboard Flight 102 told the Seattle Times he saw a man he believed to be Hazelwood and asked the flight attendants whether they knew they had "a real jerk" on the plane.

He then walked past Hazelwood and called him a jerk, and other passengers took up the heckling with more names and jeers, the passenger said.

The passenger, who was not identified by the Times, said the heckling "cooled down" when flight attendants asked them to stop.

One of Hazelwood's travelling companions asked the flight crew to have security standing by when the plane landed, and the flight crew complied with the request, Cancalmi said.

Hazelwood left the plane last, without incident, Cancalmi said. (AP)

LONDON: The remains of the historic 16th-century Rose Theatre, where Shakespeare is believed to have acted, will not be designated a national monument, Environment Secretary Nicholas Ridley said yesterday.

The move allows developer Ismay Merchant to press ahead with a plan to build an office building on piles over the theatre's remains.

Ridley's decision angered actors and demonstrators who wanted the government to provide extra protection for the remains.

Actors pledged to carry on their fight to prevent development of the site and said they would stage a demonstration to block the bulldozers, which they have done in the past. (AP)

CHICAGO: Terri Pantaleo is making a big splash at restaurants with "splashes," water-filled placemats that could end the problem of small children disrupting diners.

About three years ago, Ms Pantaleo and Donald Perrin, another product developer, perfected the mat, which contains about 4 ounces (113 grams) of water trapped between a thick layer of clear plastic and a foam base.

A child's finger propels tiny trains, racing cars or cartoon bees over a watery racetrack.

Ms Pantaleo and Perrin formed Integra Development Inc., of Chicago, which has sold more than 60,000 mats to restaurants in the last few months, she said.

"Dining should be a pleasant experience and not leave mom worn out when she takes the little ragamuffins out to eat," Ms Pantaleo said Monday. (AP)



### Misha's money-makers

Ballet star Mikhail Baryshnikov unveils his new brand of perfume, name 'Misha,' a fragrance for women, at a press conference on Thursday. When asked why he would want to create a fragrance for women, Baryshnikov said, "Why not? I think it was a very intriguing prospect. I know nothing about perfumes and I want to learn." (Reuter wirephoto)

## Dublin blooms Joyce fans celebrate

DUBLIN, June 16. (Reuter): For devoted fans of Irish novelist James Joyce, Dublin is to Bloomsday what Bethlehem is to Christmas.

They all take to the streets of his Dear Dirty Dublin every June 16 to celebrate the day in 1904 when Leopold Bloom's day-long wander round the Irish capital was captured in Joyce's mammoth novel "Ulysses."

The bespectacled author once boasted that the book was so topographically accurate that if Dublin was devastated, it could be rebuilt from the pages of his masterpiece.

A good puzzle would be to cross Dublin without passing a pub, Leopold Bloom mused on his city peregrinations.

Those pubs certainly get into the act on Bloomsday with Davy Byrne's packed hostelry offering cheese and a glass of burgundy for those wanting to relive one of the most famous light lunches in literature.

For those who find "Ulysses" too indigestible to read, strolling players enact large chunks of the book in impromptu street

theatre shows. Horse-drawn cabs follow Bloom's footsteps, a leading cafe is staging a James Joyce look-alike contest, special Bloomsday rose bouquets go on sale everywhere.

Robert Nicholson, curator of the James Joyce Museum, argues: "There is no denying Joyce's candidature for patron saint of Irish tourism. For thousands of eager readers, he is the specific lure that has brought them to Ireland."

Bespectacled and bearded Irish senator David Norris, one of the author's most devoted fans, said: "On this day, more especially than any other, it is good to be in Dublin. For Dublin is to Bloomsday what Bethlehem is to Christmas."

The evening press newspaper did try to rumble Ireland's great secret — has anyone actually read the immensely complex novel, perhaps best known for Molly Bloom's erotic musings that prompted the book being banned in Britain and the United States.

## Scientists reject cold fusion idea

LONDON, June 16. (Reuter): A leading British laboratory yesterday rejected the possibility of generating nuclear fusion at room temperature but a pioneer of the controversial technique said he stood by his findings.

Scientists at the Atomic Energy Authority at Harwell, near Oxford, said that after more than 100 exhaustive experiments they were unable to support claims by Briton Martin Fleischmann and American Stanley Pons that they had achieved "cold fusion."

"What we have to recognise is that brilliant people have mad ideas," team leader David Williams told reporters. "Not every mad idea works out."

But Fleischmann, in a television interview, said he stood by the claim that huge amounts of energy could be generated at room temperature in experiments duplicating the nuclear reaction that takes place at the sun's core.

"I see absolutely no reason at this stage for us to change our mind about our work," he said.

"If we come to the conclusion that there is some sort of systematic error in our work, of course we'll be the first to announce that, we'll say that," he said.

Fleischmann called for comparison and analysis of all cold fusion research carried out since he and Pons announced their findings in March. He said not all the experiments had been carried out on a comparable basis.

The Harwell verdict dampened hopes of harnessing a new and virtually limitless source of energy using sea water.

A nuclear reaction discharges neutrons and the team said it had detected none with its sophisticated equipment, nor was any heat released.

In nuclear fusion, hydrogen atoms are squeezed together rather than being split apart as in nuclear fission, the reaction used to generate electricity in commercial nuclear power stations.

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# Gifts of life spark debate

Infant organ donors

PITTSBURGH, June 16, (AP) — Paul Gabriel Bailey Holc is a big name for a little boy, but it honours those who gave him a big gift — life.

Paul Holc was known to the world simply as Baby Paul when he was born 1-1/2 years ago with an undeveloped heart that was replaced by Dr Leonard Bailey with the heart of baby Gabriel, both with virtually no brain.

"To leave such a legacy... You can't be anything but proud. To know there's another little child alive even though there's no hope for your own child. I swell up I just feel so good," said Karen Schouten, whose daughter was named after the archangel Gabriel, the herald of good news.

Bailey, too, is proud to be part of Paul's life. "I feel he's touched down in all of our lives in different kinds of ways... There's no dark side to this story that I can perceive."

Others do see a dark side, however. And because of the controversy surrounding the use of the doomed, anencephalic infants as organ donors, Paul's transplant was the last in the United States.

Some experts contend the babies should be used because they will die within days and many infant organs are needed. Critics say keeping them on respirators just for their organs is inhumane and a frightening precedent.

Karen Schouten and Alice Holc have never met or even talked to one another, but the two mothers react similarly in the face of such condemnation.

"It doesn't bother me because I understand you can't please everybody all the time. There's always a group of people who are going to disagree and want to play the devil's advocate on any issue," Mrs Holc said from her home near Vancouver, British Columbia. "What bothers me is when a group of ethicists... delve into it and they don't really seem to know all the facts."

"They don't even know what an anencephalic baby looks like."

There is no hope for these infants, who are born dying. And doctors say there can be no mistake in identifying them.

Anencephalic victims are born with a brain stem, which controls breathing and neurological reflexes, but no cerebral hemispheres and only a partial skull. Because there is brain-stem activity, they are not brain dead, legally a necessary condition before organs can be removed for transplantation.

Anencephaly is believed to result from failure of the neural tube to fuse in the uppermost portion of the brain during the first month of pregnancy. Like other neural tube defects, the overall incidence is decreasing, mainly because of prenatal diagnosis that often leads to abortion.

About half the 1,000 to 2,000 anencephalic babies born each year in the United States are stillborn, said Dr Muin Khoury of the Centers for Disease Control's Birth Defects Branch. The rest die within a few days, or a week at most, and so receive only "comfort care" — food, water and warmth.

Without life-support systems, their hearts and livers deteriorate because of insufficient oxygen and are useless for transplantation. Kidneys, though damaged, still might be viable.

Meanwhile, 243 US children under age 5 were waiting organs in early May, 24 of them under age 1, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing, which administers the National Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network.

Experts estimate as many as half of those under age 2 die waiting. "The problem is, you cannot find baby donors because children routinely don't die under the circumstances of brain death. You don't get a child who goes out on Friday night, has a few beers and gets in a car accident," said Brian Broznick, executive director of the Pittsburgh Transplant Foundation.

The shortage prompted Bailey of Loma Linda University Medical Centre, to transplant a baboon heart into a 12-day-old girl known as Baby Fae in 1984. She died 20 days later amid public uproar. The operation was never repeated.

Experts disagree on whether anencephalic babies feel pain and whether artificially prolonging life might pressure parents into continuing a pregnancy solely for organ donation. Critics fear who else could become targets.

"Once you start defining one set of human beings as being somehow less human than the rest of us, where the heck are you going to draw the line?" asked Leslie Bond, associate editor of the National Right to Life News.

Jen Molnar, whose anencephalic son, Jeremy, lived three days in 1985, also worries about this.

"That respirator serves no purpose for that child to live. The only purpose it serves is to promote them as an organ farm," she said.

But Bailey said: "The notion of anencephalics as organ donors has gotten so bound up in philosophical notions that we've kind of lost the central focus, that is salvaging organs. We certainly can't salvage anencephalics..."

"I don't see it as being such a huge issue that human beings can't come to grips with it in realistic terms and pragmatic terms in ways that would enrich us as a society."

Loma Linda had no official policy on anencephalic newborns when Alice Holc learned in 1987 but that left ventricle of her baby's heart was undeveloped, a condition that would kill him soon after birth. In an unprecedented move, the unborn child was placed on a transplant waiting list.

Meanwhile, Mrs Schouten and her husband, Fred, or Barrie, Ontario, had approached Canadian doctors about donating the organs of their unborn daughter, diagnosed in the womb as anencephalic.

## Demand exceeds supply

## Organ donors needed

WASHINGTON, June 16, (KUNA) — While medical technology has made many transplant operations routine and economically sensible, the number of organ donors remains far too low to meet the demand, according to a study released yesterday by Northwestern University's Annenberg Washington Programme.

One of the group's more provocative suggestions is that payment be considered to the state of those donating organs after death.

Of the 2.2 million Americans who die each year, fewer than 50,000 or 2 per cent — donate tissues or organs of any kind. By comparison, a little more than 5 per cent of eligible people donate blood in any year.

The report, which calls for a computerised national donor network, a registry of organs, and for physicians to urge donations more aggressively asserts that although transplantation is often portrayed as unreasonably expensive in an era of financial scarcity, it often costs less than alternative treatments.



Former US President Reagan and his wife Nancy.

# Kopechne's parents won't forgive or forget

NEW YORK, June 16, (UPI) — After 20 years of silence, the parents of Mary Jo Kopechne say the only satisfaction they received in the aftermath of their daughter's drowning at Chappaquiddick is that it kept Democratic Senator Edward M. Kennedy "from becoming president."

In an interview published in the July issue of Ladies' Home Journal magazine, Joseph Kopechne, 76, and his wife Gwen, 71, described their bitterness and continuing grief over their daughter's death July 19, 1969, in the back seat of the senator's car.

Mary Jo died when Kennedy's Oldsmobile plunged off a narrow bridge on the tiny Massachusetts resort island of Chappaquiddick, near Martha's Vineyard, after a late night party with Ken-

neddy campaign workers.

Kennedy said he dived into the tidal pool to try to get her out of the car, but without success.

Kennedy, of Massachusetts, said in a statement released late yesterday there was a full investigation and he wished there was more he could do to ease the Kopechne's pain. "I took full responsibility for the tragedy at the time and I still do," Kennedy said.

The Kopechne's said they got little support from Kennedy and sat in frustrated silence as Mary Jo's name "was dragged through the mud."

"I have expressed my remorse and responsibility to my own family, to the Kopechne family and to the people of Massachusetts, and I express those sen-

timents again," the Kennedy statement read.

Joseph Kopechne said at the couple's home somewhere in Pennsylvania that the only satisfaction he and his wife have is that "Mary Jo's death kept the senator from becoming president."

Kennedy did not report the accident to police until nine hours later, leading to widespread suspicion that he and the 28-year-old blonde were having an affair that would hurt his political career if it became public knowledge.

Kennedy pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of leaving the scene of an accident and was given a suspended sentence. His driver's licence was suspended for a year.

"I have told everything I know about

the accident," said Kennedy in the statement. "I only wish it were in my power to do something more to ease the continuing pain that I feel and that Mr and Mrs Kopechne feel for Mary Jo's loss."

Mrs Kopechne expressed resentment that "nothing decent" was reported about her daughter at the time, and the four other unmarried women campaign workers at the party did nothing to explain her daughter's presence in Kennedy's car.

"I'm angry at every one of those girls," she said. "They should try to explain. Somebody is hiding something. I think all of them were shut up. I think there was a big cover-up and that everybody was paid off. The hearing, the inquest — it

was all a farce."

"The Kennedys had the upper hand, and it's been that way ever since."

The Kopechne's did not go to court over their daughter's death but accepted a \$90,904 settlement from Kennedy and \$50,000 from an insurance company.

Part of the money went to build the house they live in with such mementos of Mary Jo as her portrait, her favourite stuffed animals and an autographed picture of John F. Kennedy, for whom she worked in the 1960 presidential campaign.

The Kopechne's said their daughter admired President Kennedy and his brother, Attorney-General Robert Kennedy, but not the senator, younger brother to both the president and the attorney general.



Darling, he was gorgeous!

Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor shows reporters what she claims is a bruise caused by a Beverly Hills traffic officer. Gabor, who was arrested Wednesday for traffic violations, admitted slapping "this tall gorgeous-looking policeman." Gabor says she wishes she would have hit him harder because he was calling her names and bruising her arm. The unidentified policeman pulled over her white Rolls Royce because it had expired registration tags. Gabor said the bruises were caused when the officer pulled her out of the car by the arm. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Drug gangs haunt LA

LOS ANGELES, June 16, (Reuter) — Poochie Whitman went out in style — blue coffin, blue wreath, pallbearers in powder blue suits.

Three hundred mourners, many wearing blue, gathered to pay their last respects at what has become a regular occurrence in Los Angeles, the gangland funeral.

Blue was the colour of Whitman's gang.

Ten miles from the manicured lawns and vast mansions of Beverly Hills, street gangs have become a part of everyday living in the rundown, impoverished suburbs of Los Angeles.

Street lights have been shot out, homes are surrounded by chain-link fences and graffiti on the walls mark out gang boundaries.

Children sell gang-provided crack — a cheap, smokable form of cocaine — to passing motorists.

Gang members wear the same colour to show their allegiance and to wear the wrong colours in another gang's territory can mean death.

Red is the colour of a string of gangs linked together under the name Bloods. Blue is the badge of the Crips.

Parents automatically dress their children in clothes of brown, green and other "neutral" colours.

Twenty-five-year-old Jerry Whitman, known as Poochie, was only a small-time Crip, part of the Rolling 60s gang, when he was killed in a drive-by shooting.

Ten carloads of police stood by the funeral, occasionally searching a suspected gang member.

"They come in their big cars because they like to show they have plenty of money," a sergeant in the police anti-gang unit said. "A lot of them are into narcotics."

"Everybody loved Poochie," a young woman sobbed as she watched the funeral. Signs of the wreaths read "Rest in peace Poochie" and "We love U Poochie."

Police estimate there are 400 gangs in Los Angeles with 50,000 members.

Some 3,000 people have been killed in gang violence in Los Angeles in the 1980s and 15,000

## FBI wary of skinheads

NEW YORK, June 16, (AP) — Most white supremacist groups in the United States are restraining their violent ways because of pressure from the FBI, but skinhead groups still bear watching, FBI director William S. Sessions said yesterday.

"Although they continue to rally, to recruit and to broadcast their racial hatred, most have noticeably stepped back from their credo of violence as a way to achieve their social and political ends," Sessions told a meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a Jewish civil rights group.

He said the change in the groups' tactics was forced by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's success in using undercover agents, informants and court-ordered surveillance to anticipate white terrorists' attacks.

But as the white supremacist groups altered their tactics in the 1980s, skinheads, youths who shave their heads and often espouse violence against minorities, proliferated in the United States, according to Sessions.

"We know that the skinheads have been openly recruited by leaders of the Aryan Nations and the white armed resistance," Sessions said.

"We know that they have been encouraged to adopt white supremacist views," and that skinheads have joined hate rallies and conferences, he said.

Not all skinheads are racists, Sessions added. But those who are racist appear to favour violence as a means of expressing their ideas. Earlier this month in Portland, Oregon, a member of a skinhead group was sentenced to life in prison for beating a man to death with a baseball bat because he was black.

more have been seriously injured. Gangs killed 404 people in the city last year.

Police estimate half the victims were innocent bystanders. The amount of cocaine seized by the city police soared from 359 pounds (163 kg) in 1980 to 15 tonnes last year.

A female aged 15 was killed in a gang-related incident, "a typical police report reads. "An unidentified man, believed to be a gang member, fled in a dark-coloured compact car after the shooting."

Gang leaders send application forms to people who want to sell crack for them. Questions on the forms include "What hours will you be available to work?" "Are you on probation or parole?" and "Have you ever done this type of work before?"

The forms also list gang rules. They include: all guns must be loaded, no stealing and gang members must respect each other's girlfriends. Disclosure of a gang's "secret documents" to an outsider carries the penalty of "automatic death."

In "operation hammer" last year police sent a task force of 1,000 men into neighbourhoods plagued by gang violence. In the first four months 12,565 people were arrested, but only 1,500 were ever charged.

California has become the first state to ban the sale of military-style assault weapons used by the

gangs.

When crack is selling well, before a weekend or a holiday, some of the teenagers wear rollerskates to move faster from car to car. Some car parks have become regular drug trading areas despite police raids.

Gang members look out for other gangs, known as sets, moving into their territory. Gang bosses keep watch from Porsches, Corvettes and Mercedes.

Gangs attacked to the Crips and the Bloods send members to dozens of cities across the country to sell cocaine and crack, undercutting the local gangs because they buy from the smugglers in bigger amounts, police say.

Los Angeles police commander Lorne Kramer told a national seminar on gangs that the members who go to other cities are in their mid-20s and their loyalty is not to a gang colour or to a neighbourhood but to making money.

They know cocaine sells wholesale in Los Angeles for as little as \$500 an ounce (28 grams). Cut into smaller, weaker doses, an ounce can fetch \$1,500 in Seattle.

"You can fly up to Seattle with three ounces of cocaine and make more than \$3,000 in a weekend," said one gang member who said he stopped dealing in drugs after spending two years in prison for selling crack in other cities.

# Pistol-packing kids dealing in narcotics

Teen tells tales of horror

WASHINGTON, June 16, (AP) — The teen-ager sat gingerly at the witness table and spoke so softly that the congressmen had trouble hearing her. But there was nothing gentle or innocent in the tale she told of children packing pistols to carry out the drug trade.

"You can get guns on the street just about as easily as you can get candy," Detra J. of Washington, DC, told the House Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families yesterday.

"Everyone knows how to get a gun if they want one. The guns range from .22s to 9 millimetres to Uzis," said the 18-year-old girl, whose last name was not revealed.

Generously, she said, the youngsters get their guns from drug traffickers for whom they work.

"If they bustle for a person — he's a runner or a hit man — he's getting a gun to carry out the orders the man has given him," said Detra.

Detra said she knows eight people who have been shot to death, and more who have been wounded. Of those killed, she said, "half had guns and were in a gunfight, and half of them were innocent bystanders."

Drug-related killings have given Washington the nation's highest per capita murder rate. So far this year, 202 murders have been committed in the nation's capital, compared to 133 at this time last year. Most have been drug-related, police say.

The lure of big money from the drug trade lures youngsters even when they see friends killed. They don't get jobs because the pay is too low," she said.

Youngsters "look at the hustlers" as "role models," "in part because they have money and in part because they are nice to the young children," she said.

Detra said one way to reduce youthful involvement in the drug trade is to offer better jobs at better wages. She also said youngsters need alternative role models, "other adults who are willing to talk and spend time," with them.

She dismissed many of the ideas offered by lawmakers as ways to deter young people from getting access to guns.

Holding parents liable for their children's use of weapons will fail because "there's not too many youth today who talk to their parents," she said.

Parents don't have control over their drug-dealing children, she added.

Fear of arrest and a substantial prison term for carrying a firearm also won't deter people involved in the drug trade because they feel "it's not going to happen to me," she said.

Passing laws making it more difficult to buy guns legally also won't work, Detra said.

Washington has one of the toughest gun control laws in the country, yet young people have no trouble obtaining them illegally, she said.

The only thing that might work is if authorities "lock them up so they understand it's not so easy to carry a gun and get away with it."

Dr Katherine K. Christoffel, representing the American Academy of Paediatrics, painted a grim picture for the panel of what happens when children use guns.

"Ten American children ages 18 and under are killed every day in handgun suicides, homicides and accidents," she said. "Three or four times as many are wounded. One of every 25 admissions to American Paediatric Trauma Centre is due to gunshot wounds."

In 1987, gun injuries were the fourth-leading cause of unintentional injury death for children ages 14 and under. For inner-city black adolescent boys and young men, firearm injuries are the leading cause of death, "the doctor said.

Academy officials said a 1988 survey of 758 paediatricians across the nation found 16 per cent had treated a youngster for gun-related injuries in the preceding year.

The academy, which represents more than 38,000 paediatricians, defined a child or adolescent as anyone under age 21 for its survey.

Handguns caused about 57 per cent of the gun-related injuries reported by the paediatricians, 31 per cent came from BB or other air guns and 13 per cent were blamed on rifles or shotguns.

## Bashful Bush

US President George Bush covers his face in mock horror Wednesday during the President's Dinner, a Republican Party fund-raiser in Washington. Bush was reacting to the singing of "Happy Birthday" in honour of his 65th birthday on June 12. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Off with their heads

# Crackdown

WASHINGTON, June 16, (AP) — William Bennett, the US official in charge of anti-drug programmes, said last night that beheading was a "morally plausible" punishment for some drug dealers.

Bennett, interviewed on the "Larry King Live" television programme on the Cable News Network, said, "We are not doing enough that is morally proportionate to the nature of the offence."

His remarks were prompted by a telephone caller's question, "Why not behead the... dealers?"

"What the caller suggests is morally plausible," Bennett said. "It's legally difficult."

Bennett, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, said, "Morally, I don't have any problem with that at all."

Ask most Americans if they saw someone on the streets selling drugs to their kids, what they would feel morally justified in doing — tear them limb from limb," Bennett said.

"What we need to do is find some constitutional and legally permissible way to do what this caller suggests — not literally to behead, but to make the punishment fit the crime — and the crime is horrible."

Bennett's spokesman, Don Hamilton, said later that Bennett did not mean to approve beheading, just capital punishment for some forms of drug dealing. Meanwhile, President George Bush, promising "to stand up for the police officers," formally sent Congress a \$1.2 billion anticrime package yesterday proposing tougher sentences for gun-related crimes and construction of more prisons.

Praising law officers as "domestic freedom fighters," Bush said, "Let's put the handcuffs on the criminals, not on the criminal justice system."

On the other hand, Bush said a person suspected of a crime "should be treated with respect and given his rights or her rights, even though the evidence looks overwhelming."

Bush unveiled his anticrime programme a month ago but decided to make a special occasion out of the usually routine transmittal of the plan to Congress. He flew nearly 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometres) to southeast Georgia to sign the draft legislation at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centre, where agents and police officers from 60 agencies and every state are enrolled.

He was applauded loudly as he outlined three of the central planks of his anticrime platform: doubling to 10 years the mandatory term for use of semiautomatic weapons in crimes involving violence or drugs — eliminating plea bargaining for violent federal firearms offenses, and an expanded federal death penalty for killers and terrorists.

The 110 paediatricians who said they had treated gun-related injuries in young people handled a total of 341 such cases in 1987, the survey showed.

About two-thirds of those doctors said they had been at least one injury occurring from unsupervised play with a gun found in the child's home, while one-third had treated gun wounds stemming from a criminal act.

Ten per cent of the paediatricians had handled a shooting that occurred as the result of a youngster's suicide or suicide attempt, and 8 per cent had treated injuries linked to hunting or other gun sports.

Christoffel also noted that guns are the leading method used by teenagers to commit suicide, and nine out of 10 suicide attempts involving handguns are completed.



# Indian opposition in doldrums

NEW DELHI, June 16, (Reuters): India's political opposition, with less than six months to get organised before national elections, is facing a loss of popular support due to feuding among its leaders.

Three months ago Vishwanath Pratap Singh looked set to lead the Janata Dal to victory and to form only the second non-Congress government since independence from Britain in 1947.

Now Janata Dal leaders readily admit public support has slumped. But they remain hopeful their political fortunes will turn for the better before the polls that Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has to call before the end of the year.

"We are in a trough now but things will

change," party general secretary Ajit Singh said in an interview. "Rajiv will make a mistake and if we do not fall apart we have hope."

The country's vociferous English-language newspapers are closely following the shifting alliances in the Janata Dal, and much of the sniping is conducted through their columns.

Each fresh row is seized on by Rajiv to ram home the message that his Congress (I) is the only party the electorate can safely vote to power.

Janata's problems stem partly from a new dynamism being displayed by Rajiv and Congress, but analysts say the party feuds have cost it most support.

The Janata Dal (People's Party), was created only last October through a merger of ex-congressmen in the Jan Morcha and the opposition Janata Party and Lok Dal.

Each party brought a handful of powerful leaders with different ideas about what the Janata Dal should stand for and who should call the shots.

V.P. Singh's leadership is under fire, particularly from former Janata Party leader Chandra Sekhar Singh, a former Congress minister, was chosen to head the Janata Dal because his campaign against alleged corruption in government thrust him into national prominence, but he is

accused of failing to lead.

"V.P. Singh has done nothing in four months. He was given the job on a platter and has done nothing," said a leader who asked not to be named.

But veteran trade unionist and politician George Fernandez said Singh remains the only man for the job.

"While there are half dozen aspirations for the number one slot, there is only one recognised by the people as meriting the number one position and that is V.P. Singh."

Fernandez, who heads the party's campaign committee, said: "I think that by this time next month we will be in a much better position."

## Pakistan gets revised budget

### Number of taxes reduced

ISLAMABAD, June 16, (Agencies): The Peoples Party's government has revised the federal budget for fiscal 1989-90, reducing a number of taxes and duties, and rationalising others.

Announcing the revision on the floor of the national assembly here yesterday evening at the end of nine-day general discussion on the budget, Minister of State for Finance Affairs Ehsanul Haque Piracha said that the revision has been done keeping in view the criticism of taxation proposals by different concerned quarters.

"These quarters, he said, were the members of the National Assembly from both treasury and opposition benches, traders, industrialists and small business-people."

Piracha did not give the figure of total taxation reduced in the revision but said this loss in revenue would be made up by streamlining the tax collecting machinery.

But budget experts said the downward revision of taxes would not result in large-scale reduction in the taxes levied in the budget at the time of its announcement on June 3.

Almost all the reductions are marginal or fractional, they said. Ehsanul Haque Piracha said that the tax, which was imposed on processed cloth and replaced by 25 per cent tax on value of one square foot processed cloth.

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## US concession to Pakistan

### Uranium enrichment

WASHINGTON, June 16, (KUNA): In a major policy shift that sparked strong congressional reactions, the Bush administration has dropped a demand that Pakistan pledge to not to enrich uranium above five per cent, according to US officials yesterday.

The dropping of the demand means that Pakistan now could produce highly enriched uranium without risking a cutoff of US economic and military aid, the officials told the Washington Post.

According to the officials, Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto promised during her visit here that Pakistan will not produce "weapons-grade uranium" — generally considered to be material enriched above 90 per cent — or take the final step to assemble a nuclear device.

The policy shift appears to stem from a desire to set a new marker for the Benazir government and to give her the benefit of the doubt of her own pledge.

Equally, however, it is a recognition of the fact that US intelligence agencies concluded long ago that Pakistan had violated the five per cent pledge and was enriching uranium to a level even above 90 per cent.

Reports of the administration's easing of US demands on Pakistan sparked a strong reaction from Sen. John Glenn (D-Ohio), chairman of the government affairs committee, who has led the Senate battle for a tougher US nuclear non-proliferation policy.

"When you give on that (the five per cent level), where do you stop?" he said.

A commitment not to enrich uranium more than five per cent was "certainly the most conclusive" statement the United States ever obtained from Pakistan as an assurance that it did not intend to build a nuclear bomb, according to Glenn.

## Call on Pakistani senators to quit

ISLAMABAD, June 16, (KUNA): An influential member of ruling Pakistan Peoples Party's parliamentary group has called upon members of the Senate to voluntarily resign because the upper house of Pakistan's Parliament has "no moral, constitutional and legal basis to exist."

Hakim Ali Zardari, chairman of National Assembly's powerful public accounts committee, said father-in-law of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, told a news conference on Wednesday that his call was based on Supreme Court judgement that the non-party and non-political elections held during Zia regime in 1985 were unconstitutional.

It would be in true democratic spirit that members of the Senate would seek re-election from the four provincial assemblies which had come into being in November 1985 elections which were held on party basis, said Zardari, who has emerged as strong vocal member of the ruling party in the National Assembly.

Zardari recalled that the Senate was first formed under the 1973 constitution on party basis but when General Zia-ul-Haq reconstituted it he included technocrats and bureaucrats in it instead of politicians, hence there was no justification for its existence.

The prominent politician from Sind has entered the debate currently going on in the national press and the National Assembly on the validity of the Senate. Many senators have joined the Islamic Jamhoori Ittehad, a group of seven opposition parties.

But PPP leaders contend that since the Senate was the product of partyless elections staged by Zia in 1985 it had no validity in the eyes of the constitution, more so after the Supreme Court judgement.

About 50 senators out of a total strength of 87 joined IJI after coming into being of National Assembly, making IJI dominate the upper house. PPP has clear majority of 158 in the National Assembly whose strength is 237.

In the event of fresh elections to the Senate, IJI will lose its majority in the Senate and PPP would emerge dominant. This will enable the PPP to acquire two-thirds majority to delete the controversial 8th amendment in the constitution because the amendment gives more powers to the president than the prime minister, besides indemnifying actions taken by the martial law government of Zia. A two-third majority of senate and national assembly can amend the constitution.

## Talks on Siachin

### Bid to end dispute

ISLAMABAD, June 16, (KUNA): Defence secretaries of India and Pakistan began talks here yesterday to resolve the Siachin glacier dispute which has cost the two countries considerable losses in men and material.

The Indian delegation to the talks was led by the Narish Chander while the Pakistani delegation was headed by Iqbal Haider Zaidi.

Troops of the two countries have fought many battles atop the glacier in the last four years resulting in casualties on both sides. One of the battles was fought at 20,000 feet and is considered to be the highest battle ground in world history.

Both Pakistan and India claim the glacier, whose height ranges from 16,000 to 20,000 feet in the Himalayas. There was no mention in a brief official press statement issued yesterday about the discussions between the two sides, but informed sources said one of the proposals under discussions was to demilitarize the disputed part of the glacier and the troops of the two countries return to the positions held by them when the dispute arose about four years ago. Another proposal reported to be under discussion was that the two sides should return to positions held by them at the time of signing of the Simla agreement in 1973.

## Najibullah rejects Pakistan's demand for his resignation

NEW YORK, June 16, (KUNA): President Najibullah of Afghanistan has rejected demands by Pakistan for the removal of his Moscow-backed regime as a first step towards a political settlement of the war there, it was reported here Wednesday.

Najibullah told the New York Times in an exclusive interview such a move would propel the country towards becoming "another Lebanon" in which no single

political group would have any authority.

The interview was conducted at the former royal palace in Kabul.

Najibullah also denied suggestions that, as a former head of the secret service, he is unfit to run the country, saying President George Bush of the United States also at one time ran the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Najibullah headed the Khad until 1986 when the Kremlin approved his appointment as president.

He rejected allegations that, as head of Khad, he was responsible for the deaths of thousands of people in the Kabul government's prisons.

"Just engaging in such conversations doesn't solve our problems," he said.

On Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's visit to Washington last week during which they agreed to pursue a political settlement in Afghanistan, the 42-

year-old Afghan President took a tough stand on several issues that are likely to be central in any settlement effort.

Chief among these was his opposition to the demand Benazir put before Bush in Washington: that the US ask the Soviet Union, still heavily involved there in supplying arms to Kabul, to remove the Kabul government as a prelude to peace negotiations.

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# India-Lanka war of words heats up

### Talks with Tigers resume

COLOMBO, June 16, (AP): The government said yesterday that India should honour Sri Lanka's request for Indian troops to leave the island nation by the end of July.

The Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the government request was the lone condition necessary for Indian troops to leave the country.

The communique was issued one day after Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said his peacekeeping troops could not leave until all provisions of the 1987 India-Sri Lanka peace accord were met, primarily the implementation of local autonomy for Sri Lanka's Tamil minority.

While Rajiv did not specifically say his troops would remain beyond July, he and other Indian officials have made it clear they would not withdraw the 45,000-man peacekeeping force in haste. He added they were willing to work out a withdrawal process.

Sri Lanka's Foreign Ministry responded yesterday with a statement that said:

"It is regretted certain statements have been made both here and abroad to support the continued presence of the Indian troops in Sri Lanka. Such pronouncements will only have the unfortunate effect of confirming the fears in the minds of the people of Sri Lanka the Indian troops have come to this country to remain and not to return."

The statement also quoted extensively from President Ranasinghe Premadasa's June 1 speech in which for the first time he set a timetable for an Indian withdrawal.

Premadasa said the Indian soldiers should leave by the second anniversary of the July 29, 1987, accord that brought them to Sri Lanka. He sent an envoy to New Delhi with the request last week.

India has said in official statements that Premadasa's deadline was impossible to meet, but Wednesday was the first time Rajiv made a categorical statement in public.

While India has said repeatedly it has no intention of



A policeman guards the Indian Bank in Colombo. Sinhalese extremists have threatened to attack Indian offices in Sri Lanka. (Reuters wire-photo)

keeping its troops in Sri Lanka indefinitely, it has maintained that a premature withdrawal would lead to even greater violence in a nation where ethnic strife has claimed 12,500 lives in the past six years.

The initial deployment of 3,000 Indian soldiers swelled to at least 70,000 as India got bogged down in a guerrilla war when it tried to disarm the Tamils it was trying to protect.

The 1987 peace accord was signed by Rajiv and Premadasa's predecessor, president Junius Jayewardene. The accord called for limited autonomy for the Tamil minority in the country's northeast in return for a surrender of arms by the militant groups.

Most of the groups accepted the accord, but the largest guerrilla group, the Liberation

Tigers of Tamil Eelam, reneged and began attacking the Indian soldiers in a jungle warfare that is still continuing.

The presence of Indian troops is resented also by ultranationalist Sinhalese and several government ministers.

The Tamil Tigers want the Indian troops out, but several Tamil citizens groups have asked India to remain until they get political power through the establishment of provincial councils.

Rajiv said he had always maintained India would withdraw the peacekeeping force. More than 700 soldiers have died in Sri Lanka.

Fourteen soldiers were killed Wednesday in an ambush in the north by the Tamil Tigers who resumed peace talks with Premadasa's government today.

### Engineer crushed to death

ISLAMABAD, June 16, (KUNA): An aircraft engineer at the Sukkur airport in central Pakistan was crushed to death yesterday when the nose-landing gear of a passenger plane fell on him.

Civil Aviation authority officials said the ground engineer Akbar Qasim Ali of the Pakistan International Airlines at Sukkur airport was repairing the damaged nose-landing gear (front wheel) of a Fokker Friendship plane when it suddenly fell on him killing him instantly.

The gear was damaged when the pilot of the plane crash-landed at the airport during an internal flight from Bahawalpur. The pilot made the crash-landing after failing to unlock the nose-landing gear which got jammed for some unexplained reason.

### Indian ambassador to Hungary

NEW DELHI, June 16, (KUNA): Surinder Lal Malik, presently India's Ambassador to Qatar, has been appointed India's new ambassador to Hungary. He succeeds S.K. Lamba.

An Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer of the 1967 batch, Malik was earlier India's consul general in Toronto, Canada.

### Defence team visits India

NEW DELHI, June 16, (KUNA): A 38-member team from Saudi Arabia's Command and Staff College arrived here today on a week's visit to India.

The team comprises of senior instructors and officers from the defence forces of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain and Qatar.

### India warns on caning

NEW DELHI, June 16, (Reuters): India expressed concern today at Singapore's decision to cane nine Indians for visa violations and warned that relations between the two countries could suffer if the sentence was carried out.

The Press Trust of India quoted an Indian spokesman as saying the message was delivered to Singapore's acting high commissioner who was summoned to the external affairs ministry.

## New Delhi rail station blast suspect killed

AMRITSAR, India, June 16, (AP): The prime suspect in Monday's bomb blast at New Delhi's main railroad station died while manufacturing explosives in a village in the northern state of Punjab, police said yesterday.

Sukhwinder Singh Brar, a known Sikh militant, and four other extremists died on Wednesday in an explosion at the village of Borchhi Brahmana, 45 kms (28 miles) east of Amritsar, police said.

Izhar Alam, a senior police official, said Brar and the other militants died while manufacturing explosives similar to the device which exploded at

the railroad station.

That explosion killed nine people in the entrance hall of the railroad station and injured at least 50 others.

Police said they had no definite clues who was behind the attack but said they suspected the Babbar Khalsa, an underground militia fighting for an independent Sikh nation in Punjab.

"Brar was the bomb expert of the Babbar Khalsa," a news agency quoted police in New Delhi as saying.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Bomb blast

BELFAST, June 16, (AP): Police said a pregnant woman was among nine people injured by a bomb in Belfast last night.

The blast ended a day in which a soldier was reported shot to death by his own comrades, a bombing injured another soldier and a sniper fired on a security patrol.

## Cuba arrests

WASHINGTON, June 16, (UPI): Cuban-American sources reported more arrests of Cuban military officers yesterday in what could be a major shake-up in Havana.

Staff members of the Cuban-American National Foundation, who follow events in Cuba closely, said that Defence Minister Raul Castro, brother of Fidel Castro, made a passing reference in a speech late Wednesday to "some followers" of major Gen. Arnaldo Ochoa being arrested.

No details on the number of arrests were given, according to the foundation.

## Italy espionage

TRIESTE, June 16, (AP): A Trieste court convicted an Italian technician yesterday of spying for the Soviet Union and trying to obtain secret information on a NATO warfare system.

The Trieste criminal court sentenced Giorgio Stancic, 43, to nine years in prison. His lawyer appealed the case.

## Germany espionage

KARLSRUHE, June 16, (AP): West German authorities yesterday said a former Peruvian Navy officer has been arrested on suspicion of delivering submarine blueprints to a communist intelligence agency.

A statement by the Federal Prosecutor's Office did not name the intelligence agency. It said the man was suspected of meeting with a communist agent in East Berlin regularly since August 1982.

But the Bonn-based conservative newspaper Die Welt said the man was suspected of working for East German intelligence.

## Italy terrorism

ROME, June 16, (AP): A state prosecutor asked yesterday for the acquittal of 253 Red Brigades members charged with trying to overthrow the state during the reign of leftist terror in Italy during the 1970s and 1980s.

Prosecutor Francesco Nitto Palma said the Red Brigades was not a political organisation, despite their leftist ideology. He said the group had never had more than the "simple intention" of armed uprising.

## Panama conflict

PANAMA CITY, June 16, (AP): An Organisation of American States mission is leaving Panama without having persuaded the government and opposition to hold negotiations on the country's political crisis, sources said yesterday.

During their second visit, the OAS commissioner said they found a wall of intransigence between the conflicting factions.

Diego Cordovez, Ecuador's foreign minister and veteran United Nations negotiator during the Afghan conflict, said, "It is necessary and urgent" that Panama's conflicting sectors open a dialogue.

## US 'copter crashed

PANAMA CITY, June 16, (AP): Military helicopter crashed yesterday near the Panama canal, killing all three American soldiers on board, a US embassy spokesman said.

Embassy spokesman Terrence Keenbone said, "We don't know why or how" the accident occurred. He said it "apparently was an accident" and did not involve any hostile fire.

## W. German tourists

LIMA, June 16, (AP): Two West German tourists missing for more than a month and feared dead were kidnapped by leftist guerrillas from a bus in the rebel-infested central highlands, provincial officials said yesterday.

A nation-wide search was begun last week after West German authorities alerted Peruvian officials the married couple was missing.

The couple was identified by local officials as Peter Koralluz and Lidia Koralluz, both 32 years old.

## Churches banned

ACCRA, Ghana, June 16, (AP): The government has banned four religious groups and ordered missionaries with two of the US-based organisations to leave Ghana within a week, state radio reported.

Accra Radio on Wednesday identified the groups as the Mormon Church, the Jehovah's Witnesses and two minor indigenous sects, Nyanne Sunkwa and Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

## Bus crash

BANGKOK, June 16, (AP): Sixteen people were killed and 30 injured when a tourist bus collided head-on with a truck in southeast Thailand, police said today.

Fourteen passengers were killed instantly when the oncoming truck swerved into the path of the bus early yesterday, shoving off its entire right-hand side, police Lieut Rathsith Dounggung said.

## Bomb in Spain

PAMPLONA, Spain, June 16, (AP): Suspected Basque separatists today fired a rocket-launched grenade by remote control at a police van that missed the vehicle and hit a building, slightly injuring five people, police said.

The grenade hidden in a child's playcar rocketed past the police vehicle at 8:30 am (0630 GMT), striking a building 100 metres (yards) away and exploding, said the spokesman, who was not identified in keeping with department custom.

## Haughey may miss majority

DUBLIN, June 16, (Reuters): Prime Minister Charles Haughey may fall just short of the overall majority he battled for in Ireland's general election, according to unofficial estimates from party workers today.

Aides checking ballots in the cliffhanger count estimated Haughey would win between 79 and 82 seats. He needs 83 to gain overall control of parliament and fulfil his lifelong ambition.

Haughey, battling for the fifth time in his seven-year career to gain an overall majority, called the snap election after his minority government was defeated in parliament for the sixth time in

two years.

If the party workers' predictions prove correct, it will be a bitter blow for Haughey who gambled that the Irish electorate would give him hefty backing for his get-tough attitude to Ireland's debt-ridden economy.

Haughey, a self-made millionaire, is an abrasive pragmatist whose personality sparks strong passions among the Irish.

Ballot surveys showed that the Progressive Democrats, set up three years ago by Haughey dissidents, were mauled in the election, losing up to half of their 14 seats. They joined a pre-election coalition with Fine Gael.

## Papandreou receives confirmation of divorce



New Democracy supporters, lost under a cloud of smoke and flags, rejoice on Thursday night in downtown Athens, as their party leader Constantine Mitsotakis makes a last appeal for support before Sunday's Greek general elections. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Greek parties battling hard

ATHENS, June 16, (AP): The governing Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) and the conservative New Democracy party are battling for control of the 300-seat unicameral parliament. But the latest polls raise the possibility that neither may win a majority on Sunday.

While that prospect worries the country's financial markets, it is encouraging to the coalition of left and right, a new alliance of the Moscow-oriented Greek Communist Party and the Eurocommunist-line Greek Left Party.

Coalition leaders hope to win bargaining power, if Greece's 7.8 million eligible voters do not give Premier Andreas Papandreou or opposition leader Konstantin Mitsotakis a mandate to become the next premier.

The rabidly anti-American Greek Communist Party has not been in the government since it tried to overthrow the monarchy and plunged Greece into civil war in 1946.

Although the fighting ended in 1949, old passions and suspicion die hard in Greece where politics have remained fiercely partisan for 40 years.

Both PASOK and New Democracy say they will reject Communist support to form a new government. Political analysts say that stance could force a new ballot in the fall.

There are 25 parties running for parliament, but some polls predict the coalition will get around 14 per cent of the vote and most seats not won by the two major parties.

"The coalition is attracting a lot of undecided left voters because its members are no longer the wild men without neckties. They are serious and have been acting more properly than the others," said Kevin Andrews, an American-born author who has lived in Greece and written about the country and its politics for more than 40 years.

Mitsotakis leads Papandreou by about 11 percentage points in the latest opinion polls, in which more than 10 per cent expressed no opinion.

Still, the cunning and charismatic premier is not discounted in Sunday's vote. Papandreou could still either win or get enough support to deny Mitsotakis a majority.

Because of changes in the election law, it is possible for a party to win a majority with as little as 45 per cent of the vote if the second party is at least 14 per cent behind.

Papandreou, fighting for his political survival, received confirmation today of his divorce from his American-born wife, just two days before he was due to face general elections.

## Margaret felt 'abused'

NEW YORK, June 16, (AP): Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou's wife Margaret says she felt "abused" by her husband's public affair with a former airline flight attendant, a US newspaper reported today.

The New York Times reported that Mrs Papandreou said in an interview last night in her home in suburban Athens that she would sign a legal document today, finalising her divorce from the prime minister after a 38-year marriage.

The couple have four children and two grandchildren.

## Lisbet Palme comes under criticism during trial

STOCKHOLM, June 16, (AP): Lisbet Palme has been the tragic widow, the distant sorrowful wife of Sweden's slain leader, always treated gently by a respectful nation.

Now, three years after prime minister Olof Palme was shot to death, she has come under some criticism for setting conditions for co-operating with authorities in the trial of the accused killer.

Summoned to testify, Mrs Palme presented a list of demands which she said were preconditions for her to take the stand in the trial of Carl Gustaf Christer Petersson, 42.

On Wednesday, the Stockholm District Court agreed to most of them: She will not have to face

Petersson in open court when she begins her testimony, and all tape recorders and closed-circuit television cameras will be off.

The court rejected her request to clear the courtroom of reporters and to have the session closed. She is expected to testify next Monday.

The court said it accepted Mrs Palme's claim that "from fear or other reasons" she cannot tell the whole truth with Petersson in the room.

The judicial episode seemed likely to add to criticism of Mrs Palme, who has been described in police reports as unhelpful in the hunt for her husband's killer.

Gunnar Berg, a criminal lawyer, said her refusal to testify in front of the accused may diminish the value of her evidence. But he also was critical of the court, which seemed "to express the opinion that this is the man she has reason to fear."

Lars Bentelius, head of the Swedish Bar Association, said the prosecution's case may crumble if Mrs Palme refuses to confront the defendant at some point.

"If there is not a confrontation, I question whether the indictment can be maintained," he was quoted in an interview with the Dagens Nyheter daily. "The prosecution stands or falls on what she says."



A boat load of Vietnamese refugees arrives in Hong Kong recently. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Governor opposes repatriation

## Conference on boat people ends

HONG KONG, June 16, (AP): Hong Kong governor David Wilson today criticised what he called the "inhumane" position of countries that refuse to forcibly repatriate Vietnamese boat people who are not genuine refugees.

Wilson spoke with reporters just after returning from the international conference on boat people in Geneva, where the United States, the Soviet Union, and Vietnam opposed calls for forced repatriation made by Britain and its colony, Hong Kong.

Hong Kong is swamped with some 30,000 Vietnamese "boat people," many of whom the government says are not refugees who fled political persecution but illegal immigrants seeking better economic conditions. Hundreds more Vietnamese arrive daily in the tiny island territory.

He expressed disappointment with "large sections of the international community who simply will not face facts, and who on the one hand will say there's no question of resettlement in third countries for people who are not refugees and on the other hand will say that they should not go back to Vietnam unless they positively volunteer to do so."

Starting June 1988, Hong Kong tried to curb the influx by screening the Vietnamese and separating

the refugees, who are eligible for resettlement in the West, from other groups who are supposed to return home. However, only 143 Vietnamese have gone back voluntarily even though the United Nations gives financial aid for people to return.

The 60-nation conference in Geneva adopted a plan introducing universal screening programmes.

The plan called for encouraging voluntary returns, and said if this did not succeed, alternatives would be examined.

It called also for an international media campaign to publicise the dangers and disadvantages facing boat people and the benefits of regular emigration programmes.

A small boat carrying 120 Vietnamese refugees drifted into a bay on an isolated southern Japanese island early today and all were rescued, police said.

Police said the refugees, 82 men, 23 women and 15 children, were all in good health.

The group was discovered by a Japanese fisherman stranded in Hazama bay of the Goto islands, about 75 miles (120 km) west of Nagasaki on the west coast of Japan's southernmost main island of Kyushu.

## Blacks mark Soweto Day

SOWETO, June 16, (AP): Thousands of black workers stayed away from work today to observe a self-declared national holiday on the 13th anniversary of the Soweto township riots.

The riots on June 16, 1976, erupted after police attacked a peaceful student march. The students were protesting the requirement that they be taught in Afrikaans, the language of the minority white Afrikaners who dominate the government.

During the night vandals smashed in pieces the tombstone of Hector Pieterse, a 13-year-old boy who was the first person killed when police fired at the students.

Friends said the smashed grave marker at Avalon cemetery in Soweto was discovered when Pieterse's mother arrived to place flowers on the grave this morning.

Police reported scattered incidents, but no major violence today.

June 16, commonly known as "Soweto Day," has no official status as a holiday. But many businesses shut down because so many of their black workers and customers take the day off. Hundreds of employers have negotiated contracts with workers to make June 16 a paid holiday, while others have adopted a "no work, no pay, no disciplinary action" policy for the day.

The Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday refused leave of appeal to a South African neo-fascist sentenced to hang for murdering seven blacks in a shooting spree.

## Korean students battle riot police

## 30 people injured

SEOUL, June 16, (AP): About 5,000 radical students, some hurling rocks and firebombs, battled riot police in five cities today in the second day of widespread anti-government campus protests. About 30 people were injured.

Violent clashes between students and riot police broke out at campuses in Seoul, Kwangju, Taejeon, Chonju and Taegu after protesters were blocked from marching onto the streets, police officials said.

Government officials estimated the total number of students involved in the protests at 5,000.

Students surged out of their schools after campus rallies, but police did not fire tear-gas.

"Punish Roh Tae-woo" and "down with dictatorship," protesters yelled.

Fierce fighting erupted at Hankuk University in eastern Seoul, where about 2,000 students from seven colleges fought police with more than 1,000 firebombs, officials said. Police hurled back rocks thrown by students.

About 30 students and police were injured in the two-hour clash but there were no reports of arrests, police officials said.

Students leaders called for the

overthrow of Roh and demanded that they be allowed to take part in a youth festival next month in communist North Korea. Students chanted "march to Pyongyang," North Korea's capital, as they beat drums and waved flags.

The students at Hankuk University marched out of the campus and used wooden clubs and iron bars to attack riot police. Protesters then attacked with firebombs and several officers were set ablaze, but the fires were quickly put out by other troopers.

Protesters knocked down parts of the school's wall to make ammunition to hurl at police. Police set up barricades in the streets to hold students back during the fighting that lasted more than an hour.

In the southeastern city of Taegu, President Roh Tae-woo's home town, about 50 students attacked a government party office with about a dozen firebombs, destroying windows. Eleven students were arrested.

The fighting marked the second day of widespread campus clashes in Seoul and other cities and indicated radical students had abandoned a self-imposed ban on firebombs.



A student demonstrator hurls a firebomb at riot squads during an anti-government rally at Seoul's Hongik University yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## China tries to woo back tourists

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"He must be brought to justice. We will deal with him according to legal procedures," Yuan said. The translator stumbled on the reply, saying Fang had been served "a death — an arrest warrant."

An army officer today acknowledged, then denied, that troops fired on unarmed civilians during the June 3-4 assault on Beijing which, according to Western intelligence reports, killed up to 3,000 people.

Gen. Li Zhiyun, a People's Liberation Army spokesman, told foreign reporters troops were forced to use violence to enter the city because "people who didn't know the truth" blocked them on the outskirts of the city.

Li later in the news conference denied any deaths resulted from "soldiers directing their guns at the people." He did not clarify the contradiction.

Also today, Chinese authorities ordered two British journalists from Independent Television News to leave the country within 24 hours. ITN said in London.

Reporter Vernon Mann and cameraman John Elphinstone, both based in London, were detained on Wednesday while filming the aftermath of the unrest in Chengdu, ITN said.

Chinese authorities accused them of violating martial law regulations, which effectively ban all news coverage about the democracy movement and the enforcement of martial law as well as almost all interviews.

Four members of a British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) television team, reporter Brian Barron, two crew and a British interpreter, have been barred from leaving China while they too are investigated for alleged abuse of their tourist status and violation of martial law regulations.

The official New China News Agency (NCNA) published a long denunciation of government-funded Voice of America, saying it had ceaselessly created rumours and broadcasted distortions about China since "pro-democracy demonstrations began on April 15."

Climaxing official reassurances that things were back to normal, the People's Daily today quoted senior leader Deng Xiaoping as saying China must press ahead with economic reforms and maintain an open door to the world.

"If you say there is a deficiency, then it is because there has not been enough reform and opening," Deng was quoted as telling military and civilian leaders in a June 9 speech which has not yet been published in full.

Meanwhile, signs were growing that Chinese leaders would face problems internationally in the wake of the brutal Army crackdown and ensuing repression.

Western diplomats in Beijing said a visit this autumn by hardline Premier Li Peng to West Germany, Italy, France and the European Economic Community (EEC) headquarters in Brussels was in doubt.

Military authorities today took foreign correspondents to the square, the first contact most of the newsmen had had with the martial law authorities.

A Colonel Yan of the 38th Army confirmed reports by diplomats and journalists that the main assault on the square was led by the 27th Army, backed by units from other armies.

The 27th earned a reputation among the demonstrators for great brutality. Eyewitnesses told of tanks crushing unarmed protesters beneath their tracks.

Yan said the military was proud of what it had done and had no regrets. Civilians who died were killed by mistakes as soldiers fired into the air.

The Australian government today said it knows nothing about the whereabouts of one of one of China's most wanted student leaders, Chai Ling, despite rumours she is in Melbourne or in Australia's embassy in Beijing.

Australia granted asylum yesterday on humanitarian grounds to Sydney Vice Consul Cong Qi.

Chai Ling was nominated on Wednesday for the 1990 Nobel peace prize as a symbol of the democratic movement in China.

Japan and Canada are considering granting asylum to Chinese consular officials who have defected, officials and news reports said.

British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe on Wednesday ruled out trying to renegotiate the handover of Hong Kong to China and said he was tired of being accused of betraying the people of the British colony.



# Hungary buries a bitter past

BUDAPEST, June 16, (AP): Hundreds of thousands of solemn Hungarians packed the Heroes' Square today to mourn Imre Nagy and other executed leaders of the failed 1956 revolt in a ceremony seen by many as a symbolic burial of Stalinism.

Huge red, white and green flags with black holes in the middle—symbolizing the Soviet star shot out of the national flag during the 1956 uprising—fluttered

in the vast square, which resounded with the eerie tones of funeral music.

Hungarians of all ages streamed past the coffins of former premier Nagy and four associates. The caskets were heaped with hundreds of wreaths from diplomats, official and independent groups in Hungary and thousands of exiles, many of them back in the country for the first time since 1956.

The mourners, estimated by Hungarian Television at 250,000 people, included many of the country's leading intellectuals, hundreds of former prisoners in Stalinist camps and onetime leaders of the doomed revolt that battled for a free Hungary from Oct 23 to Nov 4, 1956.

A sixth, empty coffin stood as a symbol for all the thousands who died when the revolt was crushed by Soviet troops and

tanks, and in reprisals afterwards. The names and biographies of 250 young Hungarians executed after 1956 were read as mourners filed past.

Nagy and his associates were executed in 1958 and dumped in unmarked graves in a Budapest cemetery where they will be laid to rest again.

The ceremonial reburial of Nagy and his associates marks a national catharsis for Hungary.

This week, the ruling Communist Party began talks with opposition leaders on free elections and a multi-party democracy—goals of the 1956 revolt.

Today, a national day of mourning, Premier Miklos Nemeth and politburo reformer Imre Pozsgay were among the official guests who laid a large wreath and then stood as honour guards beside Nagy's coffin.



The family of Pal Maleter, Hungary's former minister of defence, walks forward to lay a wreath on the black dias which bears the exhumed bodies of Nagy and his associates. Pal Maleter was executed with Imre Nagy and other associates in 1958. (Reuter wirephoto).



The former communist premier Imre Nagy of Hungary, who was executed after the 1956 uprising. (Reuter wirephoto)



Mourners weep at the funerals on Thursday of Meskhetian Turks killed during recent ethnic rioting in the Fergana valley area of Soviet Uzbekistan. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Ozal to visit refugees on border

ANKARA, June 16, (Reuter): Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal is to visit the refugee-clogged frontier with Bulgaria tomorrow, as a tide of ethnic Turks expelled by Sofia pours across the border.

Ozal will fly by helicopter to a tent on the border, occupied by some of the 28,000 ethnic Turks deported from Bulgaria.

The number of people crossing the border has risen to around 3,000 a day from 2,000 daily earlier in the week, the refugees bringing with them fresh allegations of atrocities surrounding Sofia's attempts to forcibly assimilate its 1.5 million ethnic Turks.

The expulsions have triggered a crisis between Bulgaria and Turkey, which wants a comprehensive pact to safeguard property of those who leave and the rights of those choosing to stay.

Bulgaria denied yesterday that it was expelling anyone but said a large number of people were leaving under the influence of anti-Bulgarian propaganda.

Nearly 28,000 deportees have arrived this month in Turkey, which has said it will take all Bulgaria's ethnic Turks if necessary.

Plans to resettle some of the refugees in the breakaway state of North Cyprus have been put forward by Turkish-Cypriot leaders on the divided island.

As part of a bid to pressure Bulgaria to solve the issue, Turkey said today it would boycott international table tennis and athletics meetings in Sofia in coming weeks.

"The basic part of the plan is to find measures aimed at not punishing Bulgaria but solving the problem," one source said.

Mainly Muslim Turkey has asked the Geneva-based United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to be present at talks with Bulgaria proposed by Prime Minister Turgut Ozal.

The Bulgarian Foreign Ministry said yesterday that Sofia would respond to Ozal's call in the next few days.

Bulgaria denies the existence of a Turkish minority. It says they are Bulgarians whose ancestors were forced to convert to Islam during 500 years of Ottoman-Turkish rule.

NATO-member Turkey, whose economic and diplomatic ties with Warsaw Pact member Bulgaria have been cut into a minimum since Sofia's anti-ethnic campaign began in 1984, has limited options.

Ozal, quoted by the left-leaning daily Cumhuriyet, said: "If needed, we can call the Islamic Conference Organisation for a meeting. We see the issue as a humanitarian one."

## Party blamed for Uzbekistan riots

### Weapons seized, bodies found

MOSCOW, June 16, (Reuter): Authorities have found two more bodies and seized nearly 8,000 weapons since imposing a curfew to subdue violence in the Soviet Central Asian republic of Uzbekistan, official news media reported today.

The official news agency Tass said today that soldiers had confiscated 157 firearms, 26 Molotov cocktails and other weapons during road checks in the last 24 hours. A total of 7,718 weapons have been confiscated in all.

The remains of two people were discovered and added to the list of victims, Tass said.

The agency quoted Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov as saying yesterday that about 100 people had died during the turmoil and many of the bodies had been badly mutilated.

More than 1,000 buildings have been looted and burned since the rampage against the Meskhetian Turk minority began in the Fergana valley about 1,500 miles (2,500 kilometres) southeast of Moscow, the agency reported.



A Soviet militiaman discovers the body of a Meskhetian Turk during a night patrol in Fergana. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Baltics commemorate wartime deportations

MOSCOW, June 16, (AP): Residents of the three Baltic Republics attended concerts, rallies and church services on Wednesday to commemorate the wartime deportations of thousands of their countrymen under dictator Josef Stalin.

Although the mass deportations that began June 13-14, 1941, in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia were the main focus, speakers at one demonstration raised a more fundamental issue—the legitimacy of Soviet power.

"Don't listen to the (Communist) party. Latvia must be sovereign," a member of a Helsinki watch group, which mon-

itors compliance with international human rights accords, which quoted as telling a rally in Riga, the Latvian capital.

The demand, and similar calls for Latvian sovereignty by a leader of the republic's People's Front grassroots political group, was carried by state-run Lithuanian TV in a live broadcast of the rally on Domskey Square, said Amata Upmine, a People's Front activist in Riga who monitored the programme.

In a brief report on the Latvian commemorations, the official Soviet news agency Tass called the deportations illegal and said meetings were held to remember "the repressed."

More than 1,500 people have been detained for violating the night-time curfew that went into effect on June 4, the military newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda reported.

Vice-President Anatoly Lukyanov has dispatched two Parliament members to prepare a report for the Council of Nationalities, one of the chambers of the Supreme Soviet legislature, which will investigate the tragedy, Tass said.

The spasm of gang violence in Uzbekistan is a case of ethnic hatred being exploited for political gain, Ryzhkov told Uzbek party activists at a meeting in Tashkent yesterday, Tass reported earlier. He laid the blame for the disorders firmly on the Uzbek Communist Party leadership.

Ryzhkov said a solution to ethnic problems was a top priority and required urgent consideration by the Congress of People's Deputies, the country's new Parliament, Tass reported.

In a speech to Uzbek party officials published today in the Communist Party daily Pravda, Ryzhkov also said local police had abetted the rioters by telling them where Meskhetians lived.

The news agency said Ryzhkov and former KGB chief Viktor Chebrikov, now the Kremlin's top law-and-order official, would up a four-day investigation yesterday of the rampage against the Meskhetian Turk minority, who were forcibly resettled to Uzbekistan from their Georgian homeland in 1944.

Proceedings already have begun in more than 60 criminal cases, Pravda reported.

Pravda interviewed Lieut Gen. A. Anikiev, an Interior Ministry political officer, who said troops were guarding inter-sections, administrative buildings and patrolling streets and apartments in Fergana.

Tass said more than 15,000 Meskhetians had been evacuated by Wednesday. Officials had earlier announced that about 17,000 refugees would be sent to other republics.

Most factories and farms in the Fergana region were working normally yesterday, the news agency said.

## Plane bombing condemned

UNITED NATIONS, June 16, (Agencies): The UN Security Council condemned Wednesday all "acts of unlawful interference" against civil aviation and urged manufacturers of plastic explosives to make them easier to be detected.

The 15-nation council adopted unanimously a resolution worked out by Britain, which had demanded a condemnation of the destruction of Pan Am Flight 103 Dec 21, 1988, over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people including 11 on the ground.

But the seven non-aligned nations in the Security Council, led by Algeria, objected to the mention of "international terrorism" in the document and the specific condemnation of the destruction of Pan Am

Flight 103.

With these deletions, the resolution submitted by British Ambassador John Birch was reduced to condemnation "all acts of unlawful interference against the security of civil aviation."

Investigations have determined that plastic explosives were used to destroy the Pan Am plane. The Security Council urged all nations to co-operate in eliminating airline terrorism.

The 15-member council unanimously urged all states, especially producers of plastic explosives, to intensify their research into making these explosives easily detectable and to share their information. There was no debate.

## Berlin Wall may go: Soviet leader

BONN, June 16, (Agencies): West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said today that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev believed East-West conventional arms talks could produce an agreement by mid-1990.

Kohl, addressing Parliament after Gorbachev's triumphant tour of West Germany, said the Kremlin chief agreed that cuts to be negotiated at arms talks in Vienna could be implemented by 1992 or 1993.

Gorbachev said on Monday, the first day of his four-day visit, that US President George Bush's proposals to reduce military manpower in Europe could speed up an agreement in Vienna.

"The general secretary shared my opinion that the deadlines set by President Bush—a first agreement in six to 12 months and its implementation by 1992-1993—are quite attainable if both sides work at it," Kohl told Parliament.

"We must keep this goal in view," he said.

Bush's proposal, made at NATO's 40th anniversary summit in Brussels last month, would force the US to withdraw about 30,000 soldiers from Europe and the Soviet Union 325,000 according to US estimates.

NATO also agreed to Bonn's demand for East-West talks on reducing short-range nuclear arms (SNF) after a Vienna agreement on manpower cuts is implemented.

Kohl today sharply criticised the Chinese leadership for its violent crackdown on protesters but praised "the historic changes" that are taking place in the Soviet Union and other East Bloc countries.

"We mourn together with all Chinese in the world for the victims and condemn with all friends of China this slide back to unrelenting repression," he said in preference to the current, violent crackdown by the Chinese authorities against protesters.

Gorbachev said he was deeply moved by the mass support of West Germans for his reforms and he declared that the Berlin Wall was not eternal.

He also expressed regret at the turmoil in China, saying that if reform there should fail, it would hamper the easing of world tension.

The Kremlin chief became emotional as he spoke yesterday to 7,000 cheering workers in a Dortmund steel mill near the end of a four-day visit to West Germany marked by tumultuous welcomes in five cities.

■ A poll made public Thursday suggests "Gorbymania" has spread to France, with Gorbachev ahead of Bush in the French popularity stakes.

The poll by the Sofres organisation for the weekly Figaro magazine found 51 per cent of the 1,000 people polled said they had a positive opinion of Gorbachev, compared to 43 per cent for Bush. No margin of error was announced.

## \$530m Stealth to make maiden flight

WASHINGTON, June 16, (UPI): The estimated cost of the B-2 Stealth bomber programme has risen to about \$70 billion—\$530 million per plane—and the radar-evading craft will undergo its first flight test in a few weeks, officials said yesterday.

"The secretary and the deputy secretary fully, strongly and unequivocally support the B-2 programme," Defence Department spokesman Pete Williams said in confirming the new cost estimates for the Stealth bomber.

The black, sinister-looking "flying wing" designed to be nearly invisible to enemy radar will

undergo its long-overdue flight test in "the next few weeks" at Edwards Air Force Base in California, Williams said.

The maiden flight of the bomber, which is being built by Northrop Corp. at its Palmdale, California, assembly plant, was originally set for 1987.

The revised cost estimates came from a defence acquisition board review of the B-2 programme ordered more than a month ago by defence secretary Dick Cheney, who complained he was getting conflicting cost figures.

## Polls show swing to left

LONDON, June 16, (Reuter): European Parliament elections in five countries yesterday looked set to deal blows to ruling parties in Britain, Spain and Denmark as early polls indicated swings to leftist and environmentalist parties.

Turnout was low after lacklustre campaigns dominated by national rather than European issues.

Official results from voting in Britain, Spain, Ireland, Denmark and the Netherlands will not be released until after the other seven European Economic Community nations vote on Sunday, but exit polls indicated the sharpest swing was in Britain.

A BBC exit poll gave the opposition Labour Party 44 per cent of the national vote against 32 per cent for the ruling Conservatives. The poll suggested Labour's tally of seats in the Strasbourg assembly could rise to 51 from 32, while the conservatives could end with 26, a fall of 19.

The environmentalist Greens claimed 14 per cent of the exit poll vote, eclipsing the centrist Democrats at six per cent. But Britain's first-past-the-post voting system looked set to deny them a seat in the 518-member parliament.

### Lowest

In Denmark, where the 46.1 per cent turnout was the lowest for any election this century, exit polls showed a major swing to the left.

Prime Minister Poul Schluter's Conservatives slumped to 14 per cent from 30.8 per cent and looked set to see their Strasbourg seats halved to two. Opposition Social Democrats had an unofficial 28 per cent of the vote, equivalent to five seats—a gain of two—in the new parliament.

In Spain, where national elections are expected next year, voters snubbed the major parties, with computer projections showing both the ruling Socialists and the centre right opposition losing ground to a Communist-led coalition.

In a surprising twist, a former tycoon on the run from police and facing trial for fraud won four per cent of the vote and two of three of the 60 seats allocated to Spain.

In the Netherlands, caretaker Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers' Christian Democrats (CDA) emerged strengthened but voters snubbed his Liberal government partner.

Exit polls gave the CDA a third of the vote, 3.3 per cent more than in the last European elections in 1984, while the right-wing Liberals plunged five per cent to 13.8. The opposition Labour Party won 31.5 per cent, foreshadowing a close contest with the CDA in national elections this September.

Only 48.1 per cent of electors bothered to vote, and a newspaper headline—"Oh, elections today?"—summed up the general apathy.

### Turnout

Ireland, at some 75 per cent, showed the highest turnout as voting coincided with a general election, but this ensured European issues were relegated to second place. First indications of the vote were expected later today.

The generally low turnout suggested little voter interest in the parliament which, as the EEC's only directly-elected body, is seeking a greater role in sharing the community's future. It currently has little power.

The seven states voting on Sunday are West Germany, France, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Belgium and Luxembourg.

■ Britain's ruling Conservatives trailed the opposition Labour Party by four points in Guardian opinion poll published yesterday.



# Kuwait-Egypt sign memorandum of understanding

## Co-operation in electricity and energy

CAIRO, June 16 (KUNA): Kuwait's Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Homoud Al Rqobah and his Egyptian counterpart Mohammed Mahid Abazah signed here yesterday a memorandum of understanding on co-operation in electricity and energy spheres between Kuwait and Egypt.

The memo stipulates for co-operation between the two countries in fields of production, transport and distribution of electric power as well as exchange of expertise, information and planning of electrical systems.

**Grid links**  
It also provides for bilateral co-operation in construction, maintenance and operating electrical installations and exchange

of information on economical operation of power networks and projects of grid links among Arab countries.

The Egyptian side has shown interest in sea water-distillation and desalination projects and hoped to benefit from Kuwaiti expertise in this field.

Dr Rqobah earlier toured some factories of electrical

products in the city of Al Ashir Min Ramadan within the framework of his current visit to Egypt.

In statements to reporters later on, he expressed thanks and gratitude for the warm welcome accorded to him and the accompanying delegation. He said the two sisterly states inspire to broadening bilateral co-operation

in electricity and energy fields as well as exchanging expertise.

Rqobah met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Monday and following the meeting, said that he conveyed to President Mubarak HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister

Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla's greetings and wished him and the Egyptian people more progress and prosperity.

He pointed out that his visit to Egypt is aimed at increasing co-operation between the two countries in the electricity spheres.

Egyptian electricity minister, Maher Abadha attended the audience.

# Soviet floating eye hospital unwelcome

## Health minister rules out possibility

PREVIOUSLY published reports of the forthcoming visit of a Soviet Floating Ophthalmology ship visiting Kuwait have been denied by Kuwait's Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Razzak Al Abdul Razzak.

In a statement to a local daily, the minister was quoted as saying that Kuwait is not keen on extending an invitation to the Soviet's as the ship's visit is viewed as a 100 per cent commercial venture.

Approving the entry of this medical ship to Kuwait, will mean Kuwait's coasts would then be open to other medical specialised ships.

Prior to gaining access to these facilities in Kuwait, the merits of the proposal such as evaluation of medical services, follow-up of patients, obtaining the requisite medical licences, etc., would need to be completed.

The ministry is not enthusiastic in encouraging foreign expertise to operate within the state, the official said and added that those desiring to have such expertise could proceed abroad for treatment. Within this framework the ministry had ruled out the possibility of inviting the Soviet ophthalmology team to work in Kuwait's hospitals for the time being.

The minister was commenting on a statement issued by a Soviet



Abdul Razzak... not keen medical source who visited the country last year that there was a proposal for studying the possibility of providing the Kuwaiti Ministry of Public Health with an ophthalmological team to work at the ministry's hospitals.

had been designed in the interest of patients, the minister said.

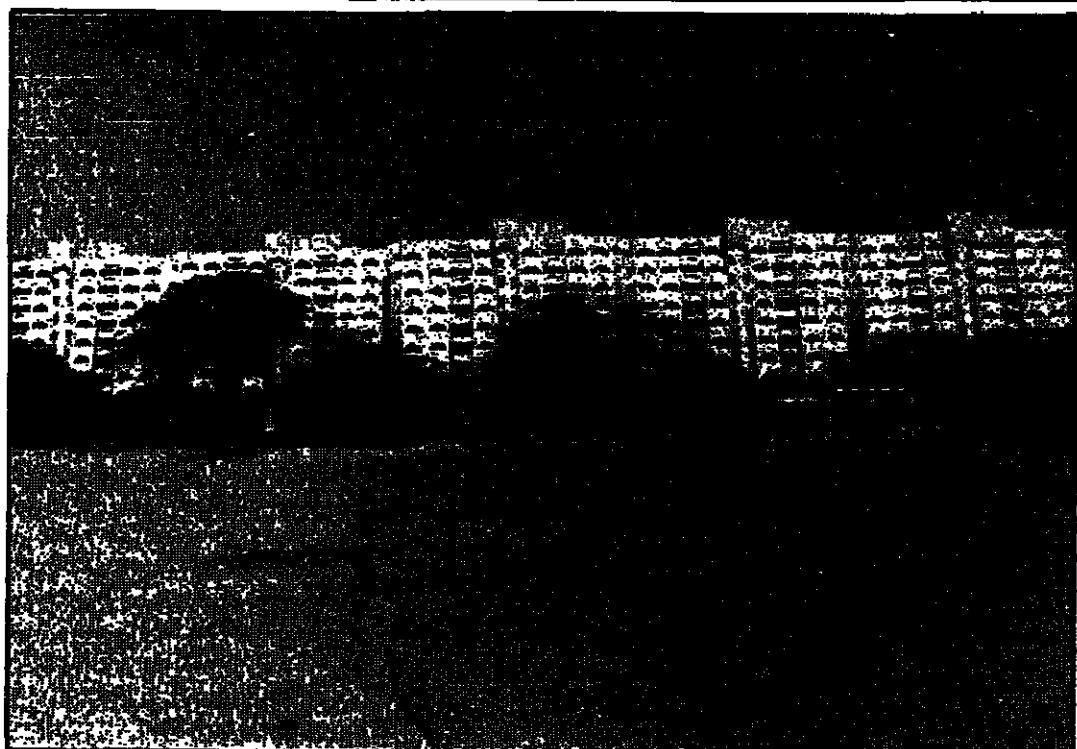
However, the ministry has decided not to take any organs from any deceased persons unless there is written approval from the family of the deceased.

He disclosed that Kuwait had acceded to an international law banning the trade in organs. Consequently, Kuwait has stopped sending patients to countries such as India for transplants as this policy contradicted the law.

In conclusion, the minister said that the health problems facing Al Adan Health Area at the moment will soon be solved. The Fahad Health Centre will be opened shortly and will receive patients around the clock in addition to the Hadiyah Health Centre which will be opened within the next three months.

In a related development, a preparatory committee has been formed to organise a special society for orthopaedic surgery which is the first of its kind in the Gulf area.

The assistant undersecretary for medical services at the Bahrain Public Health Ministry, Dr Faisal Al Mousawi said that the idea for establishing the society was presented during the Breaks Surgery Conference which concluded in Bahrain last Wednesday.



A view of the Sawaber residential complex.

# Vertical housing being distributed

## Some citizens opt for flats

THE National Housing Authority (NHA) has begun the distribution of cards to 158 citizens who are interested in living at Al Sawaber flats. An official source at the authority pointed out that the actual distribution and allocation of flats at Sawaber flats complex will be conducted Sunday, June 18, 1989.

Al Sawaber housing project, has been a controversial housing project, as most Kuwaitis opt for separate villas and houses. The 24.5 hectare housing complex, consists of 33 huge buildings, each consisting of 8 floors and only two apartments in each floor. Each apartment is 225 square metres.

The project is located in the heart of Kuwait City and is primarily aimed at increasing the Kuwaiti population in the city. Each building has its own ground water tanks equipped with special pumps. There are emergency power generators.

Each apartment is equipped with a videophone and has central heating/cooling system. There is a central TV aerial for each building. A parking lot for 875 cars is attached to the project.

There are 528 apartments in the project. Special fire-fighting equipment has been supplied to the complex, the first of its kind in the country. All necessary utilities are present, like schools, mosque, a club, entertainment facilities, a cinema, a supermarket in addition to shops and cafes. Each apartment consists of a hall, a dining room, three bedrooms including a main bedroom, one bedroom for the maid in addition to three bathrooms and other utilities.

During the distribution of cards, a local daily interviewed flats owners who said that Al Sawaber project occupies a distinguished place among the authority's projects and plans which are aimed at providing citizens adequate living space.

A number of citizens pointed out that the importance of the Sawaber residential project is represented by the fact that the project is considered the first of its kind in Kuwait to provide citizens with modern housing facilities to encourage families to live in Kuwait's downtown area. They added that the project aims at achieving balance in population densities between the city and suburbs.

### Privacy

Other citizens interviewed stated that the project mainly aims at founding a modern society which enjoys relatively developed and comprehensive social services. A citizen said that the project runs parallel to Kuwaiti social traditions concerning providing privacy and strong family ties.

Yaqob Hassan Safar, said that he prefers living in the downtown area, which he added that

has a big advantage, in addition to the fact that the project fits Kuwait social traditions. He said that flats at Sawaber project fulfil his future and current needs, because he will be living there with his wife only.

**Services**  
He said that the project enjoys all kinds of services like gardens, mosques, schools, shops and co-operative societies, in addition to other attractions represented by the monthly maintenance of all services in the complex.

He considered the Sawaber residential project as a real chance to live inside Kuwait City, because he said that other identical complexes will be established by the authority in remote areas in the future.

Randa Fahad Allama said that Sawaber flats are adequate for her because her husband died and she only has one child from him. She pointed out that these flats could provide adequate living for smaller families.

**Waiting**  
Khaled Mohammed Bo Hamad, said that the reason he preferred to live at Sawaber because his only son is handicapped and the project provides a good location inside the city. Mohammed Saad Hotari said that Sawaber flats are closer to the place he is working at, in addition to the fact that owning a whole house may result in expensive maintenance while in contrast flats in Sawaber are self-maintained.

Thamer Hussain Al Dashti said that government houses require a waiting period of almost seven years. He said that this period is too long for Kuwaiti families and may lead to social problems concerning family ties and relations. He had already presented an application for a government house since 1986. He believes that he will wait another 10 years until he gets his house and therefore he prefers living at Sawaber flats for now.

# All university scientific magazines under review

THE Assistant Rector for Scientific Affairs and Chairman of Scientific Publications Board at Kuwait University Dr Ahmed Bisharah was quoted as saying that all the magazines published by the board were subject to a comprehensive study.

In an interview with a local daily, the official has denied the idea of merging the current magazines issued by the board. He clarified that the board is aspiring to be a nucleus for a university publishing house that will undertake all the publications and issues of the university.

### Review

He confirmed that Kuwait University since its establishment paid special concern towards scientific research and studies.

He added that a committee grouping a number of specialists had been formed for reviewing and re-evaluating of the periodicals issued by the university. He added that the Scientific Publication Board had been established in 1986 in accordance

with a ministerial decision.

The board has been empowered to undertake scientific, financial and administrative affairs of all the magazines issued by Kuwait University.

He disclosed that the board is currently publishing about nine magazines in addition to another two magazines which are still under study. One deals with engineering and the other with administrative affairs.

**Issues**  
He added that the board's magazine were handling different issues including the Arab Gulf and peninsula affairs, social affairs, human science, education, law, sharia and Islamic studies, literature and medical affairs.

The board is currently involved in establishing commercial libraries in Kuwait City in addition to a university specialised library to be opened soon. The library will be the sole distributor of Kuwait University publications and the publications of the Arab universities. Bisharah said.

# Action Line

I AM a widow. I recently remarried. My first husband's family name appears in my passport. I want to change it to my second husband's family name. How? Where? Please advise.

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TO change your name on the passport, you must approach your embassy and apply to them. If you had stated your nationality, we would have been able to help you with more details. Some nationals are required to announce their name change in newspapers for three days and take the newspaper clippings to their embassy to have their name changed.

If you change your name, you'll have to inform the immigration department and the Public Authority for Civil Information so that the necessary amendments can be made on residence and identity card documents.

1) I APPLIED for a visit visa for my father twice with all the valid papers. The application was rejected both times due to his age. Can you specify the maximum age to obtain a visa?  
2) My sponsor had my residence extended for two years. Immediately, I applied to renew my Civil ID card as the old one expired on 16/6/89. Can I move around with the expired Civil ID card till the renewed Civil ID card is obtained?

H. Kumar

1) THERE is no maximum age limit for visitors. Did the authority give "old age" as a reason for rejecting an application?  
2) You must apply for a Civil ID card within 10 days of residence renewal. As you have registered, and applied for renewal, you can hold on to the old Civil ID card until you collect the new one. If you are checked, you can inform the officer that the card is being renewed. For further safety, you can obtain a letter from your employer, saying that your Civil ID card is being processed.

WE both (husband and wife) hold a valid residence permit No. 18 and are working in the private sector, earning a total salary of KD 300 plus overtime. I want to go to India for my delivery as nobody is here to look after me. Above all, I want to bring back my child to Kuwait, an infant below three months. Can I apply for a visit visa in my country of origin? If yes, what are the procedures?

**Mrs Hazel Menezes**  
THE law is clear on working women having babies. If both husband and wife work in the private sector and the child is born in Kuwait, the child's name can be added to the father's iqama. If the child is born outside Kuwait, a father has to qualify, under the salary ceiling, earning KD650 in the private sector to obtain a visit visa and a dependent visa for the child.

ONE of my friends and her daughter recently came to Kuwait on a visit visa from Korea. They are expecting a dependent visa within a week. Please advise whether they should go back to their own country with the visa to complete the process or they can go to the nearest country?

**Reesy**  
ACCORDING to the law, a person has to return to his/her country of origin to complete the formalities. Previously, such formalities could be done in the nearest country, but this practice was discontinued. However, it would be advisable for your friend to consult his employer on whether he could make alternate arrangements.

MY wife and I work for the same employer, but I am no No. 18 visa and my wife is on No. 20.

1) Can we get a residence for our child?  
2) Is there a possibility to change my wife's residence from No. 20 to No. 18 by the same sponsor? (She came in January 1985).  
3) If she delivers a baby in Kuwait, how many days is the child allowed to stay without penalty?

**O.V.**  
1) IF you qualify under the salary ceiling, you can get a visa for your child. If not, you can't get a residence for him/her.  
2) If the sponsor is willing to change the residence from No. 20 to No. 18, he can apply for it to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. All transfers are subject to approval by the Ministry of Social Affairs.  
3) An official of the Ministry of Interior said that both mother and child are "sent back" if a woman holding a visa No. 20 delivers a baby in Kuwait.

I CAME in Nov 1984 on visa No. 20. In May 1988, I obtained a visa No. 18 by going out of Kuwait and returning on the same day. Is this considered continuous residence in Kuwait since 1984?  
2) My residence/work permit was issued for two years. Does this mean that the ministry will automatically add one more year to my residence permit? Can it be transferred after finishing two years?  
3) In case an employer goes out of business before the end of an employee's two years contract, is it possible for an employee to find another job and transfer residence without going back to the country of origin?

**N.A.A.**  
1) THE matter of "continuous residence" depends on whether or not you were given the same residence number after coming back on a new visa. The residence number is stamped in your passport, giving the first date of entry. If it is the same residence number, then it can be considered continuous.  
2) The ministry will not add "one more year's visa automatically." If your services are required at the end of the two year contract, your employer must apply for an extension.  
3) If an employer goes out of business, an employee can contact the Ministry of Social Affairs and explain the situation to a social welfare officer, who'll guide him on what to do in such cases.

MY wife was in Kuwait from 1982 to 1986 on visa No. 20 with a Kuwaiti sponsor. She went to India for an emergency to tackle some family problems and was unable to return before the expiry of her residence. Her residence expired in 1986 but the residence was not cancelled on her passport. Now, I am able to obtain a family visa for her. Legally, are there any problems if she enters Kuwait on the family visa?

I'm expecting your reply through the Legal Clinic.  
**M.T. Varghese**  
WE'RE replying to you through the Action Line column because you don't have a legal problem. It is a matter of immigration. If a person stays outside Kuwait for more than six months, his/her visa is automatically cancelled. A person may have difficulty returning if there is a legal case pending against him/her. As long as there is no case against her, lodged by her previous sponsor, there should be no problem.

I'VE been in Kuwait for 11 years, working in a private firm. My wife came nine months ago on an article No. 20 visa. Would you please let me know if the law allows my wife to deliver her baby here? Is it possible for my wife and her baby to stay here with a legal residence permit No. 20? If she and the baby cannot stay here, within how many days after delivery do they have to leave the country? What is the exit procedure?

Kuwait TV programme You and the Law, June 7, 1989, said that a housemaid can bring her child to Kuwait, without gaining an entry permit for the child. Please clarify?

**M.P. Abdul Salam**  
ANY woman holding an article 20 visa is not allowed to bring her child to Kuwait, nor can the father obtain a dependent visa for the child. An immigration officer said a woman on a visa No. 20 "has the right to give birth to her child at any place she wants to." If a woman on a domestic visa delivers in Kuwait, both mother and child should leave the country, he said. He said, adding a child's name to a visa is not permissible. The hospital where such a birth takes place can advise you on the exit procedures. You and the Law clarified the matter last week.

I AM an employee of a private sector company, holding a visa No. 18. I was hired locally in September 1987 on a two year contract. My contract expires in September 1989. I wish to know whether I am entitled to a return ticket to my home country if I choose not to renew my contract?

**Wael K.**  
IN case of a final cancellation of a visa, that is if the person has chosen to return to his country, an employer is obliged to provide a return ticket according to article 21 of the new labour laws.

IF you have a problem, query or need clarification on any issue, drop in a line to Action Line, Arab Times, P.O. Box 2270, 13023 Safat, Kuwait or Fax your letter to Tel: 4847495. For further information call 4813566 ext 285.

# Saudi health service on standby alert

A STATE of medical emergency has been declared among Saudi Ministry of Health physicians, nursing staff and administrators to attend to the expected influx of pilgrims, the daily Al Seyassah quoted the Saudi Minister of Public Health Faisal Al Hujailan as saying.

About half a million pilgrims had arrived in the holy land so far and the Saudi government had provided all facilities to the pilgrims to enable them to perform their rituals smoothly.

Preventive health care has been organised to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Pilgrims should get themselves inoculated in their home countries prior to departure, the official said.

Meanwhile, the Saudi minister said that the Saudi Preliminary Health Care has been applauded by experts of the World Health Organisation (WHO) and by a number of visiting professors from the Western universities.

These officials described the kingdom's experiment as distinct and carried out on a sound basis commensurate with the social fabric of the kingdom.

# Charity drive

THE chairman of the Islamic International Charity Organisation Youssef Jassim Al Hajji has said that it is earnestly endeavouring and is mobilising all its efforts to counteract the effect of missionary campaigns in poverty-stricken Muslim areas.

He told Seyassah that generous donations are being made by charity-givers in and outside Kuwait to fund the organisation's various projects. The organisation is approaching well-known personalities for donations to fund its international projects which are primarily aimed at improving the well-being of Muslims throughout the world.

The organisation receives different kinds of moral, material and other forms of donations, including endowments. All these donations are used to fund the establishment of universities, hospitals, industries, mosques, in Muslim areas and to help Muslims improve their income and overcome their difficulties.

# Alumni contact

THE University of Bridgeport, which is located in Connecticut, USA, is trying to contact its former graduates from Kuwait. As Chairman of the Kuwait Alumni Association, I would be most grateful if any one who is a UB graduate, or who knows of their whereabouts would contact George Brown at 484-2988.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Afforestation

THE Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth has carried out a number of projects to maintain and improve several afforestation areas recently. The authority is working to carry out its present plan to afforest the desert and squares in different areas of Kuwait. The plan covers the period until 1991. The officials of the authority said that present projects carried out by the authority cost about KD350,000.

## Youth camp

THE acting undersecretary at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour Abdul Rahman Al Mazroui on Monday opened the 39th youth work camp at the ministry's permanent camping area in Jahra.

In his opening speech, he said that this camp fell within a series of camps organised by the ministry since 1969, for the purpose of inviting youths to contribute to the various national service projects, and environment-oriented activities.

## Egypt visit

KUWAIT, June 16, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Hasher Al Sabah is scheduled to pay an official visit to Egypt June 20-22, at the invitation of his Egyptian counterpart Safwat Al Sharaf, ministry sources said yesterday.

The Kuwaiti minister is due to hold talks with Sharaf on means of strengthening bilateral relations in the various fields of information, trade and industry.

## Stabbing

THE Criminal Court sentenced a youth to 40 months in jail for stabbing his friend.

The court was told that the victim had advised his friend against the habit of "chewing gum". This remark led to an argument which resulted in the stabbing incident.

The defendant in his rebuttal alleged that the victim had tried to sexually molest him. The court called on the defendant to submit a bail of KD50 to suspend the sentence and to be deported from the country.

## Electrocuted

AN employee of a plant died as a result of being electrocuted when he touched a water cooler which had electrical faults.

The court held the owners of the plant responsible for the death of the employee and sentenced the two owners to one month's imprisonment with the option to pay KD200 each to suspend the sentence.

## Accident

A WOMAN was killed on Tuesday by a speeding car and 6 other men were injured as a result of several traffic accidents. Nine occurred in Ahmedi, three in Hawalli and one each in the Capital and Jahra.

Meanwhile, an official source at the General Traffic Department said today that the department will convert the Aswaj roundabout at the intersection of Ahmad Al Jaber and Jaber Al Mubarak streets, into a traffic light.

## Drug meet

THE Ministry of Interior in UAE decided to participate in the anti-drugs and narcotics meeting which is to be held in Nairobi on June 20, 1989.

An official source at the ministry pointed out that the four-day meeting will discuss methods used in fighting drug traffickers, particularly heroin in the area of Southeast Asia through Africa.

## Scholarships

KUWAIT, June 16, (KUNA): Higher Education Ministry will despatch 183 Kuwaiti students to pursue university studies abroad.

Director General of Scholarships at the ministry Abdulla Al Sane told a press conference here that priority would be given to holders of secondary school certificates for the academic year 1988-89.

Successful candidates would be sent to the United States, Britain, Ireland, Egypt, France, Bahrain in addition to West Germany and Canada for the first time.

## WEATHER

TEMPERATURE will remain around normal with moderate northerly westerly wind freshen at times causing dust slightly.  
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Ahmedi: 40°C 104°F  
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Kuwait: 29°C 84°F  
Ahmedi: 30°C 86°F  
Fahala: 31°C 88°F  
Maximum temperatures expected:  
Kuwait: 43°C 109°F  
Ahmedi: 41°C 106°F  
Fahala: 40°C 104°F  
Maximum humidity recorded:  
Kuwait: 13 per cent  
Ahmedi: 29 per cent  
Fahala: 39 per cent

## Kuwait Fund loans Jordan KD 8 million

AMMAN, June 16, (Agencies): The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development and Jordan signed Thursday a loan agreement of KD 8 million to co-finance the Al Shediya phosphate project in southern Jordan.

The project aims to produce and export 3.23 million tonnes of

raw phosphate annually, including purchase of mining machinery, equipment and other engineering devices.

The state run news agency Petra said the agreement was signed by the Secretary General of Jordan's Planning Ministry, Safwan Toukan and the fund's Deputy Director, Abdul Wahab

Al Bader.

The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development is financing various development projects in Jordan, in particular water treatment, irrigation, agriculture, road construction and social development projects.

The Jordan phosphate mines

project is partly financed by the World Bank and Arab Development Funds.

The mines are due to begin production within three years and should be producing 12 million tonnes a year by 2000, company officials said. Potash accounts for a fifth of Jordan's exports.



Narthana holds dance recital

A mixture of classical and folk dances from India was presented by the students of Narthana, an Indian dance group run by Mrs Prameela Surendran.

Narthana students presented 26 dance items, featuring a selection of numbers like Bhakta Mira, folk dance, Bharata Natyam, break dance and Mohiniyattam. Short dance dramas narrating the legends of Kerala were also presented. Balu and

Sabir Appkuttan Telegu folk dance.

Indian Embassy First Secretary Abdul Khaliq was the chief guest. He lit the lamp to launch the ceremony.

Narthana was formed nearly six years ago and has 75 students, who are trained by Prameela, herself a dancer. The group holds periodic performances to encourage students in the classical arts. Picture shows students presenting a dance.

## Businessmen vote for new chamber board

BAHRAIN'S Chamber of Commerce announced a new 18-member board at its elections held at the chamber premises last week. The new president of the board will be officially announced next week, although it is a foregone conclusion who the winner will be.

Bahrain's Chamber of Commerce, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, is reported to have witnessed its highest poll ever in its history. A total of 1,009 votes were cast in this year's elections compared to just under 600 votes cast in 1985. About 3,000 establishments were eligible to vote in the elections. However, according to chamber rules, those members who failed to pay this year's membership fees were barred from voting.

The election was reported to have been postponed three times because of the turnout of voters. The poll was delayed by two years.

This year's election, understandably generated tremendous interest among the island's business community. The timing of the event was also widely hailed in view of the gradual upsurge of trade and commerce in general. The Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, earlier this week praised businessmen for their support and keen interest in the election.

A total of 35 formal nominees contesting for the 18-member board were divided into four groups: Comprehensive group, practical group, effective group and young group.

Meanwhile, Ali Bin Yusuf Fakhr, has been unanimously and unofficially proclaimed as the new chamber president. The appointment is expected to be confirmed in a meeting set for next week, when other office-bearers will also be elected. The meeting will also elect chairmen for various sub-committees.

## From the courts

## Hijack compensation denied

A DEMAND for compensation by a KAC Jabriya passenger was turned down by the Court of First Instance. The passenger who was aboard the KAC jetliner when it was hijacked last year, demanded compensation of KD100,000 and also demanded the resignation of the KAC top officials for being responsible for the hijacking. The passenger described how he and other passengers were terrified during the 17-day ordeal in which the plane, which took off from Bangkok, went to Iran, Cyprus, Algeria and then returned to Kuwait. The plane was on a flight from Bangkok to Kuwait. The passenger described how the hijackers threatened them and murdered in cold blood two of the passengers. He said that he was terrified particularly when the hijackers had chosen him to be the third victim. He said that the hijackers chose him from all the passengers while at Algiers airport, tied him, pointed guns towards his head and forced him to read a statement appealing to the Kuwaiti government to fulfil the hijackers' demands.

He accused KAC of failing to ensure enough security and safety measures to the passengers. He said that the KAC officials could have easily averted the hijacking, had they been more alert as they knew the threats on Kuwaiti airlines. The passenger held the KAC failure responsible for allowing six armed men to board the plane without carefully checking their identities. He also held them responsible for failing to detect the arms that were smuggled on to the plane claiming that these arms could have been easily detected by electronic appliances.

He added that KAC also failed to provide enough number of employees for its Bangkok office as there was only one employee there. The passenger added that there were no securitymen in the plane at the time of the hijacking.

But the court rejected the complainant's claims stressing that the responsibility of the attack was not that of the carrier company, but the responsibility of the airport authorities. The court added that the hijackers obtained tickets as ordinary people and boarded the plane like others. It added that during the flight, they attacked the plane and its passengers, which is exactly similar to an attack by any passenger on another passenger. For these reasons, the court turned down the demand.

## Three years for stealing sheep

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced a man to three years in jail with hard labour or in lieu of a fine of KD100 for suspending the sentence.

The court heard that the defendant had stolen 12 sheep from the barn of another, claiming that the barn seemed abandoned.

The owner upon discovering that his sheep were missing, asked a number of his relatives to assist and see if they could locate them anywhere around.

One of the owner's relatives did spot the stolen sheep at the Sulaiya sheep market and reported the incident to the owner who arrived at the scene and learnt from the man that he had bought the sheep from the suspect.

The accused was arrested on basis of information provided by the owner.

## Securityman arrested

SECURITYMEN on Wednesday arrested a security lance corporal for possessing of two pieces of hashish, one piece of opium and two bottles of whisky.

The suspect, a member of the aircraft security personnel was on duty aboard a KAC flight coming from London.

## Runaway Lebanese casualties report denied

KUWAIT, June 16, (KUNA): The Kuwait Public Health Ministry today denied reports that a number of wounded Lebanese nationals, who had been brought to Kuwait for treatment, fled their hospital apparently to avoid being flown back home after they had recovered.

The press reports of the alleged runaway were "entirely untrue," said Mansour Ibrahim Al Mulla, rapporteur of the committee which was overseeing the treatment of the Lebanese in Kuwait.

Several weeks ago Kuwait stepped up its humanitarian aid to Lebanon bringing in here many civil war casualties from both communities, Muslim and Christian, for medical treatment.

The wounded and their relatives, Mulla said, were being treated like Kuwait's guests, as the casualties receive the highest medical attention while their escorts were residing at the government's guest house.

Public Health Minister Dr Abdulrazzaq Al Abdulrazzaq and an unidentified Interior Ministry official source were both quoted by a local Kuwaiti daily denying press reports that eight of the Lebanese wounded fled hospitals.

The health minister asserted that 23 wounded who were the first batch of casualties to be flown to Kuwait few weeks ago left Kuwait after their recovery on Thursday.

## Saudis tighten haj security

## Fear of Iranian fundamentalists

MANAMA, June 16, (AP): Saudi Arabian authorities are tightening security in Makkah and Madina to head off any trouble by Iranian or other Shiite Muslim fundamentalists as the haj pilgrimage begins to Islam's holiest shrines.

Thousands of pilgrims, known as hajjis, are pouring into Saudi Arabia daily for the annual ritual, which has been marred by fundamentalist violence twice in the past 10 years.

Green-beretted riot squads armed with pistols patrol in and around Makkah, birthplace of the Prophet Mohammed, (PBUH) founder of Islam, and in Madina, where he is buried.

National guardsmen wearing Bedouin head scarves also are on patrol in the holy cities, sites of the world's largest religious gathering where in past years the Iranians repeatedly have defied Saudi bans on political protests.

"These squads are becoming increasingly visible," Makkah shopowner Ibrahim Ali said. "Security is palpable and helicopters circle overhead."

The Saudis are wary of a repeat of the subversion and violence of the 1987 pilgrimage, when more than 400 pilgrims, most of them Iranians, were killed in riots that Riyadh claims were instigated by the Iranians.

Quotas  
Saudi officials fear Iranian fundamentalists will try to create more trouble this year because the Saudis have reduced the number of Iranian pilgrims allowed from the usual 150,000 to less than 50,000.

Saudi Arabia severed relations with Tehran last year, before a cease-fire took hold in the Iran-

Iraq war.

The Saudis, citing extensive renovations in Makkah and Madina, also have restricted the number of pilgrims from each country this year to 1,000 people for every one million in population the country has.

Riyadh has been supported in its restrictions by the 46-nation Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC). But Iran has rejected the cutbacks and diplomats said it may boycott this year's pilgrimage, as it did last year.

Nonetheless, the Saudis are taking no chances of further bloodletting in Makkah, where Sunni fundamentalists seized the Grand Mosque in 1979. Scores of people were killed in that two-week siege.

Scores of Iranian Revolutionary Guards, posing as pilgrims, were arrested in 1986 trying to smuggle explosives and weapons into Saudi Arabia to disrupt that year's haj.

Diplomats say the Saudis also are keeping a close watch on Shiite Muslims coming from Lebanon, the only Arab country where the late Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic revolution has taken root.

"No one expects the Iranians to bow to the Saudi restrictions, and they're likely to reiterate Khomeini's contention that the haj is a congress propitious for instigating religious and political awareness," said one diplomat, who insisted on anonymity.

Apart from security considerations, the pilgrimage has become a formidable operation that costs the oil-rich kingdom billions of dollars.

The country will spend from \$20 billion to \$30 billion to

arrange logistics for the pilgrimage. The money will pay for such things as the deployment of 11,000 Health Ministry personnel to help pilgrims who collapse in the 120-degree Fahrenheit (48.8-degree Celsius) heat or suffer other ailments, the sacrificial slaughter of 600,000 sheep, and the transportation of pilgrims in an estimated 400,000 vehicles.

The pilgrimage, which all Muslims are supposed to make at least once, is expected to draw about 700,000 hajjis from abroad and 1.2 million from the kingdom itself this year.

Season  
Despite the restrictions on the yearly pilgrimage, officials estimate that by 1998 more than six million people will be flooding into Makkah. The city's location, wedged into a valley and ringed by hills, worsens the congestion.

The hajjis come from more than 60 countries as far away as Indonesia and Nigeria.

Most of them fly into the country during the two-month pilgrimage. As many as 100 airlines a day carrying some 50,000 pilgrims land at Saudi airports at the height of the season. Others travel on ships, buses, cars, camels or on foot to attend rituals at Makkah.

The country currently has enough accommodations for one million foreign pilgrims and 1.5 million Saudis. Six billion riyals (\$1.6 billion) has been spent over the last five years on improving facilities and expanding Makkah's Grand Mosque and Madina's Prophet Mosque to cope with the burgeoning flow of worshippers.

## 3,000 students to register at university

THE dean of registration and admission at Kuwait University Dr. Mustafa Maarafi has said that the university will admit 3,000 students during the fall session of academic year 1989/1990 including 2455 Kuwaitis. He added that Kuwaitis can submit their applications to the admission office if they have a percentage of 62.2 (science section) and 68.4 per cent (arts section) in the Secondary School Certificate.

Non-Kuwaitis who are allowed to submit their application should get 90 per cent (arts section) and 94 per cent (science section). The admission office will officially start receiving the applications today and will continue doing so until July 5th. The students can submit applications to get scholarships outside Kuwait through the Ministry of Higher Education. The students who do not get such scholarships can apply to Kuwait University.

Co-ordinate  
The names of admitted students will be announced in the second week of July. He expected that the majority of seats will be occupied by Kuwaiti females because of their high grades compared to males. He added that 70 per cent of admitted students at the Kuwait University were females last year. But he added that 50 per cent of seats at the Faculty of Medicine will be specialised for female while 65 per cent of seats at the Faculty of Engineering will be specialised for boys except computer and

engineering department. He added that the university will co-ordinate with the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training to admit students who are not admitted in the university. He added that not all students who will submit their applications will be admitted.

On the other hand, Dr. Maarafi pointed out that seats that will be available at Kuwait University and the authority (PAAET) for the academic year 1989/1990 - fall session - will amount to 10,705 seats including 15 per cent for expatriates, GCC citizens and children of diplomats.

Meanwhile, the dean of students at the PAAET Hisham Al Mutawa has said that authority will offer 8630 seats for Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti

graduates of Secondary School Certificate. The authority will admit 3900 students of Secondary School Certificate in the 1st session of the new academic year and 1325 students of intermediate School Certificate against 3405 students who will be admitted in the second session.

A source at Kuwait University said that the university will face a crisis of empty seats for Kuwaiti students in some majors specially for the liberal ones because of the poor results of graduates of Secondary School Certificate especially the arts section. He added that only 2200 Kuwaiti students will be allowed to submit their applications and admitted in all majors while there are 2450 seats specialised for them. He added that only 782 Kuwaiti

graduates of arts section will be allowed to submit their applications including 672 female students. The Kuwaiti student who passed the science section amounted to only 2127 students many of them got less than 62.2 per cent which is the minimum percentage to accept their applications.

He added that vacant seats will be made available to students from other places like the Religious Institute and students who will transfer from foreign universities. He warned of the imbalance in percentage of females compared to boys in the university. He added that females are expected to be 90 per cent of total number of students of Kuwait University during the next three years.

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## US not worried by 'Gorbymania'

By Helen Thomas

PRESIDENT Bush and his advisers insist that they are not worried that 'Gorby Fever' sweeping Europe and China, and they abjure a public relations campaign to prove the point.

American-style democracy is what is inspiring people all over the world, they say, and Western values are taking root in the communist sphere.

And yet there is the perception that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is articulating the future and leading the way, albeit with western ideas of openness and more freedom for the people.

"I don't think the West has ever been stronger," Secretary of State James Baker told a news conference. "We are winning politically. We are winning economically. We have the other philosophy acknowledging that it is a failure, frankly acknowledging that."

"So whatever we're doing is working. And for the time being, I don't think we ought to say that we're going to change that just for PR purposes."

But even though a little bit of freedom is proving to be a dangerous thing in the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and China, the restraint on the part of the administration — the don't rock the boat approach — is not conducive to putting the United States ahead of the curve, leading the crowd.

The president is trying to walk a tight rope and clearly does not want to jeopardize the small steps that are being taken so far. He also does not want to incite the protesters, which could be destabilizing. But those concerns are preventing him from beating the drums a little louder and telling the demonstrators they have nothing to lose but their chains, to borrow a phrase from the other political philosophy.

At the same time, there is an awareness in the administration that it must move into a leadership role or it will fall behind. "There are signs of life," said one key aide, speaking of the need to grab the initiative as remarkable events unfold.

Baker seemed to recognize the need for a more positive perception of where the United States stands when he told reporters, "I think it is important that we be seen to be creative, that we be seen to be forward-thinking and forward-looking. I think we are."

At the same time, he said the United States is not going to compete with the Soviets by dipping into an arms control grab bag, dangling enticing cuts that would be appealing but not maintain the level of security they feel is needed. (UPI — Washington).

## Unease in Namibia

By Linda Schuster

GORDON MERRINGTON remembers all too well what happened after the revolution in neighbouring Zimbabwe.

A North Korean political commissar was assigned to the office of Merrington, a housing specialist. His job: to monitor Merrington's telephone calls — even though he didn't speak a word of English.

"It was a total waste," recalls Merrington, who now lives in Namibia. "It seems every time a liberation group takes over a nation, they feel obliged to remake the economy."

His is a legitimate worry. For on April 1, this southern African territory started down the road to independence after almost 75 years of South African rule. That's when a plan took effect for a United Nations-supervised transition to elections in November.

But then hundreds of guerrillas from the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) allegedly came charging over the border from Angola. At least 300 rebels and members of South African-backed security forces died in the clashes, which ended with a cease-fire arranged last Sunday. Under the plan, SWAPO fighters are supposed to gather at designated assembly points to be escorted back to Angola by the UN and confined to bases there.

Analysts reckon the incursion either was a terribly miscalculated attempt to set up bases here — thus violating the UN accord — or the work of a breakaway faction. (SWAPO claims its soldiers already were here and were fired on by security forces). Either explanation raises questions about whether SWAPO, the group most likely to win an election, has the coherence and savvy to run the place — especially the economy.

For analysts warn that while SWAPO will inherit a workable economy, it will have to do some sophisticated and unrevolutionary things to keep it that way. As a start, it will have to tread lightly around South Africa, which controls vital transport routes. Last week's battles showed Pretoria's willingness to come down hard on those it deems threatening.

SWAPO also will have to take care not to scare off the country's whites, with their money and capital. That means no radical tinkering with their economy. For the stakes, analysts say, could not be higher: a matter of making this place a Botswana — southern Africa's showpiece of economic stability — or a basket case.

"If the ruling party goes for an orthodox Marxist orientation, we'll go down the drain," says Fanieel Tjingate, a University of Namibia economist. "If it's realistic, we'll survive."

Compared with the sorry state of many of its African neighbours, Namibia has a lot going for it: great mineral wealth; South African-built roads and rail lines; relatively few people to feed (about 1.5 million). The UN has trained 2,000 bureaucrats for the new nation at a SWAPO school in Zambia. And scores of Namibians received college educations on foreign scholarships — a far cry from the handful of university graduates nearby Mozambique boasted, for instance, when Portugal pulled out in 1975.

1989, The Christian Science Monitor.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1567 — Mary Queen of Scots is imprisoned in Lochleven castle in Scotland.

1579 — Sir Francis Drake proclaims England's sovereignty over New Albion (California).

1665 — Spanish are defeated by Portuguese and British at Montes Claros, and further victory at Villa Vicosa secures Portuguese independence.

1698 — Peter the Great's foreign mercenaries scatter the Streltsy rebels in Moscow.

1701 — Sweden's King Charles XII relieves Riga from Russian occupation and subsequently invades Courland and Poland.

1811 — National Council meets in Paris to settle dispute between Napoleon Bonaparte and Pope Pius VII.

1843 — Maoris revolt against British in New Zealand.

1848 — Austrian troops under Prince Windischgratz suppress Czech revolt in Prague.

1947 — Burmese constituent assembly resolves for independent republic of Burma.

1958 — Announcement is made of Imre Nagy's execution after secret trial in Hungary.

1967 — China announces it has exploded its first hydrogen bomb.

1969 — Communist summit conference in Moscow ends with majority support of public document that omits any criticism of China.

1971 — United States and Japan sign agreement to restore island Okinawa to Japan.

1973 — US Skylab 1 astronauts go into 24th day in space, breaking record established by Soviet cosmonauts.

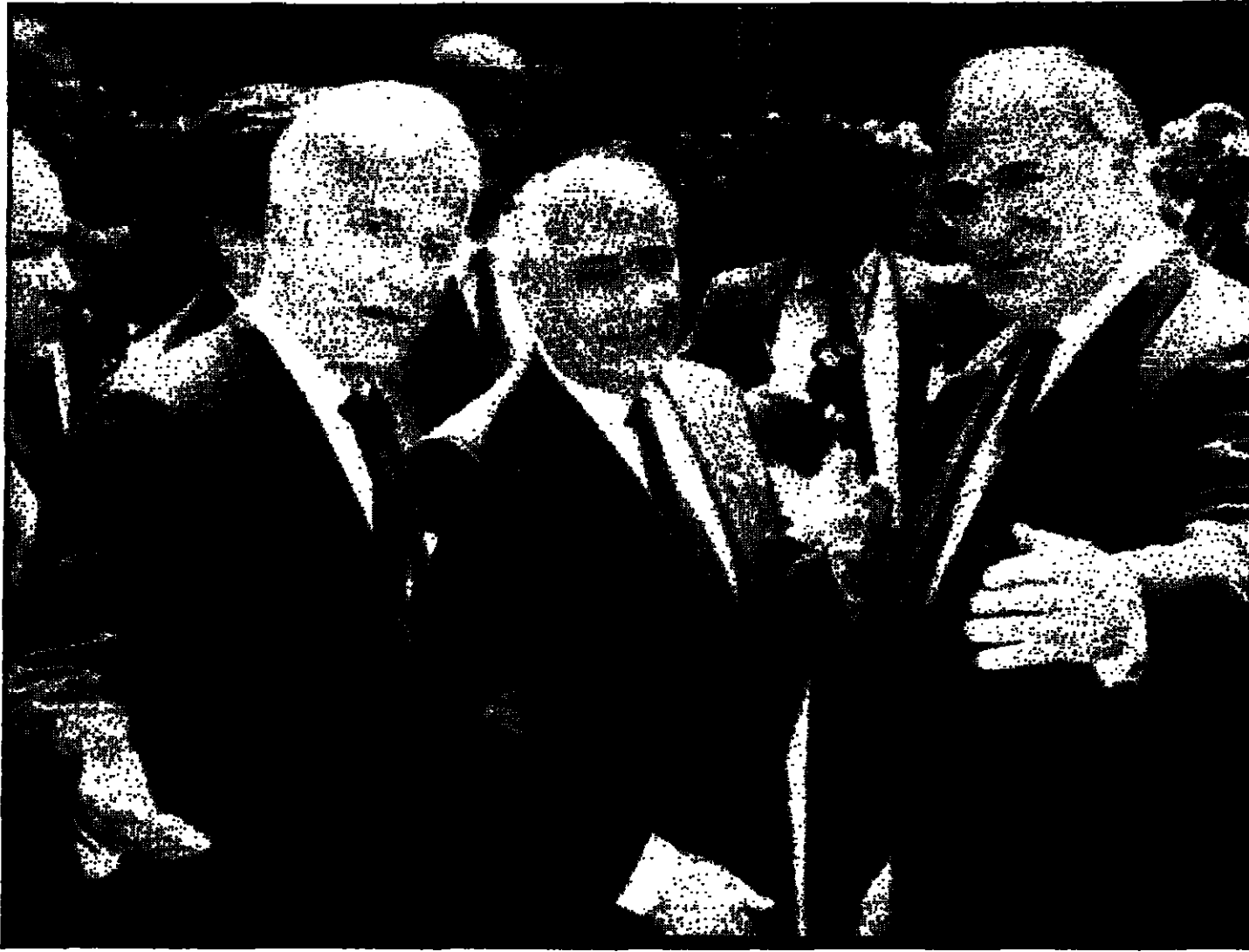
1987 — Leftist guerrillas ambush two army trucks in southern Colombia jungle, killing 32 soldiers and wounding 24.

1988 — UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar meets with delegates to discuss nearly \$700 million owed to United Nations by member countries.

West German chancellor hoping for electoral gain

## Kohl capitalizes on Bush, Gorbachev visits

By Patrick Moser



Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and President Richard von Weizsäcker.

CHANCELLOR Helmut Kohl appears intent on capitalizing on the visits to West Germany of the Soviet and American presidents to score gains in a tough election test for his party next week.

Kohl obviously hopes his disarmament policy will impress the West German electorate, which is becoming increasingly critical of NATO's reliance on nuclear weapons as a deterrent to war.

Kohl's Christian Democratic Union and its junior partner in the government coalition will face a crucial test in the June 18 European Parliament election, which will be watched closely as a bellwether of next year's West German national elections.

Although the European parliament generally has little influence on political life in West Germany, the majority of West German parties vying for votes in the June 18 election have geared themselves up for a major confrontation.

### Aggressive

The CDU has run an unusually aggressive campaign in a bid to regain lost votes and demonstrate it still enjoys popular support.

After suffering major electoral losses twice in the past five months, the CDU can hardly afford another defeat. And if ultra-right wing parties again make spectacular gains, as they did in the West Berlin election in January, the more conservative CDU members may well insist Kohl give up his position to a more charismatic politician.

The massive crowds that turned out to cheer Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Bonn seemed to confirm opinion polls that showed him to be the most popular man in West Germany — far more so than President Bush, who visited two weeks earlier.

By contrast, Kohl has watched as his popularity, and that of his party, dwindled rapidly. He is trying to rekindle it, using both Bush and Gorbachev as firestarters. Example:

A cartoon in one newspaper depicted Kohl in swimming trunks seated next to Gorbachev, asking, "May I sunbathe in your popularity?"

Even government spokesman Hans Klein found it difficult to deny that Kohl was trying to derive electoral benefits from Gorbachev's visit. Asked whether Kohl was not unfairly exploiting a state visit for party political purposes, Klein snapped, "You can't forbid a party from campaigning."

### Success

Two weeks earlier, Kohl and other CDU officials had billed Bush's arms reduction initiative as a major German success. Bush's proposals followed a bitter dispute between Washington and Bonn over when to negotiate with the Soviets about cutting short-range nuclear missiles.

West Germans recently have expressed growing concern about the stationing of virtually all of NATO's short-range nuclear missiles in their country, which would be the likely theater of war in a military conflict between East and West. (UPI — Bonn).

## Growing split in Sino-US ties

By Helen Thomas

THE long march in improved relations between the United States and China has come to a halt.

While both sides want to keep diplomatic ties, the violent crack-down on the student and civilian protesters in Tiananmen Square has changed the equation and crashed a lot of hopes for a more open China.

The fact that the 'line was busy' when President Bush tried to telephone China's top leader, Deng Xiaoping, shows how far downhill relations have fallen.

The Chinese leaders, who were cut off from the Western world from 1949 to 1971, apparently are willing to risk isolation again to pursue their own agenda.

They put economic reform at the top of their priorities. Political reform was to come later. That they could go in tandem was apparently unthinkable.

But political reform would have meant the end of the regime that has controlled China for nearly four decades. The world they had created was disappearing.

Deng, who had suffered persecution in the hands of the Red Guard during the Cultural Revolution, either gave the order to crush the rebellion, or was used as a front. Administration officials are not quite sure and have hedged their bets.

It depends on who is in the driver's seat. The octogenarian Mao disciples are not about to relinquish power to what they can only see as the collapse of their totalitarian control of the mainland.

But their tough response to the demonstrators will have a

tremendous impact on tourism and trade that the officialdom has been encouraging. The number of new hotels in Beijing is proof of that.

The United States has strategic reasons for not wanting a clean break with China. Listening posts lost in Iran were provided to the United States by China to keep tabs on the Soviet Union.

It was not a one-way street. China has received high technology and much modern know-how from the US government and American business eager to deal with the mainland.

A particular irritant to the Chinese leaders is the presence of one of China's leading dissidents, Fang Lizhi, an astrophysicist who has been given sanctuary with his wife in the American embassy in Beijing.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State James Baker is drawing up options for possible moves in case China gets tougher on foreigners and dissidents. Much damage in terms of world prestige has already been done.

President Ronald Reagan predicted that China would go capitalist after journeying to that country on his Asian swing. Indeed, it seemed that free enterprise was taking root among the farmers and merchants.

They were small steps in the right direction. But the contagion of the new openness in the communist world and the visit of Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev was a catalyst for the students, who have been studying in the United States and the Western world, to make their demands.

(UPI — Washington)

Migrant Turks in a bitter row

## Mosque minaret divides a town

By Udo Ulfkotte

WALDBROL (pop: 16,000) is a tranquil little town in the west of Germany which, in recent times, has opened up to the world: three years ago it entered a twin-town link with an English town, and further links are planned with a Dutch, and Israeli and an East German centre.

Among the 16,000 inhabitants are 600 migrants from the Soviet Union and Poland.

The mayor, Herr Halbe, assures that there are no difficulties with the migrants. But the anger of many is directed at another part of the population: the 250 Turks who no longer want to say their prayers in the old abbatoir which has been their mosque since 1981.

Now they have saved up 520,000 marks and have bought a former factory owner's villa in an industrial area and have arranged for the interior to be reconstructed.

This has got many of the Waldbrolers all worked up. There have been tirades of hate against both the Turks and the architect. The bone of contention is that a 26-metre high minaret that will be visible for a long way is to be built. According to an anonymous postcard sent to the deputy mayor, Frau Hermes, this "brazen" act of ordering the minaret "has sown hate".

People living in a residential area above the industrial area are afraid that their peace and quiet will be disturbed. They believe that a muezzin will make the call to prayer five times a day. But the architect says that a walkway for the muezzin is not included in the application. "Just like with us, a tower belongs to a church, so a minaret belongs to a mosque." In Germany, there are about 1,000 mosques, 10 of which have a minaret.

### Dilemma

It is a curious tale and it might have not become known far beyond the community if it hadn't been for the fact that local politicians are worried about an impending local election. Barely were the plans for the mosque made known than a citizens' initiative was begun. Signatures were collected to back a demand that the town reject planning permission for the minaret.

The politicians were in a dilemma: they wanted to capitalise on general feelings of xenophobia, but they also felt obliged to

observe the constitutionally guaranteed freedom of worship. While the churches in Waldbrol preach tolerance, the Social Democrats discovered that Islam takes an extremely hostile stance towards women" and suppressed Social Democrat ideas.

The Christian Democrats, the party of mayor Halbe who has become clandestinely regarded as the "campaigner for the minaret", appears split on the question. Some CDU councillors fear that Waldbrol could become an inter-regional Islamic rallying point and develop into a sort of Makkah in this part of North Rhine-Westphalia.

The image of hostility is being conjured up more and more. This has a lot to do with the (extreme right wing) Republicans. Deputy mayor Frau Hermes used to be member of an independent voter group but, when she publicly announced that she was supporting the SPD on this issue, she was dismissed from it and joined the Republicans. The Republicans say: "The minaret is a provocation. If they (the Turks) behave differently from other people, they will be regarded as hostile."

The head of the local Republicans, Grumbrecht, asked: "Are the Turks, by building this mosque, not abusing the hospitality of the Germans?"

### Affair

Obviously most of the council members had similar thoughts because, although there were no valid objections in terms of planning regulations, the planning committee took a secret vote and rejected the application.

That this decision did not have a leg to stand on, legally speaking, was clear to all involved. Then, at the end of April, a repeat vote was held and, this time, the application was approved.

The architect said: "If the building application had been in the end rejected, the town of Waldbrol would have had to pay damages of 800,000 marks." He reached a compromise with the Turks to reduce the minaret from 26 metres to 22 metres. He also has a document in which an offer is made to build without a minaret at all. But this was known neither to the citizens' initiative nor the council. It would only have been submitted if the application had again been rejected.

Mayor Halbe: "If the council had not decided with a big majority in favour of the minaret, the harm would have been certainly greater. At the moment, the only harm I can see is that we have a few Republicans around." The dispute had been blown up from the beginning "because it has always been clear that there would be no muezzin making prayer calls."

The affair has left its mark among the population. The leader of the SPD faction on the council, Byrger, who had said that "the talk should always be about a united Europe, it should be put into practice right here," was thrown out of a restaurant opposite the mosque site. The restaurateur said: "He doesn't get anything here any more."

And at the tables of the hostesses in the area, the regular ask: "What do they (the Turks) want here? They should just work and do their duty and leave us in peace. This isn't their home, is it?"

One said: "This here is good ground for the Republicans." And the publican said: "You should have seen them in their Ramadan week (he meant the month of fasting)." What, exactly had happened? "Well, the lights burned the whole night long."

The mosque is on an arterial road directly before the exit from the town. It is not recognizable from the street as a mosque. The site gives an impression of prosperity. Inside the building there is a large room of about 140 square metres set aside for men to pray in. Right next to it is a room about 160 square metres for women to say their prayers in. Both rooms are fitted out with hand-woven carpets.

The windows, which can't be looked in from the outside, are finished with ornamental glass.

Eser Halil Ibrahim, the head of the mosque organisation, confirms that Turks as well as the architect have been threatened.

He said: "We want to work together with the Germans here and to have them respect our beliefs. When the mosque is finished we Turks want to invite the people of Waldbrol to a celebration so they will be able to understand us better and so we'll be able to become friends."

Courtesy: Frankfurt Allgemeine Zeitung

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Pakistan embassy sympathises

SIR: The embassy of Pakistan has taken note of the controversy in some sections of the press about the charge of extra tuition fee for the months of April and May 1989 by one of the Pakistani schools. The embassy sympathises with the plight of the Pakistani parents whose financial resources are inadequate to meet such expenditures.

In accordance with its duty to protect community interests the embassy has brought the matter to the notice of the brotherly government of Kuwait through diplomatic channels and has requested the intervention of the esteemed Ministry of Education to prevent a double charge of tuition fee.

It has been pointed out that even though annual examinations of the school have been conducted in March 1989, to harmonise the same with the conduct of examinations in Pakistan, this does not entitle the school to charge tuition fee above the amounts fixed for one academic year by the esteemed Ministry of Education of the government of Kuwait, i.e. from September to May.

It has also been pointed out that the charge of extra fee is not justified because there is no additional expenditure to be met by the school such as

pay of teachers, rent of the building and so on. The tuition fee recovered for one year fully covers such expenses.

The embassy would also wish to place on record that prior to the takeover of the school by the licensee, the board of governors had taken no decision to allow such an extra charge and the Principal appointed by the licensee has wrongly claimed this in a letter circulated to the parents.

It is also clarified that the tuition fee structure set by the Ministry of Education allowing for some increase in tuition fee was adopted by the previous board for the following objectives: (a) raising the school to the higher secondary level (b) induction of suitable teachers from Pakistan for the above purpose (c) creation of 50 scholarships for poor students and (d) organising degree classes for Pakistani girls as external students. The board was considering a reduction of tuition fee if these objectives were not possible. However, after the takeover the same tuition fee has been charged without these extra expenditures.

The embassy remains hopeful that its dispute with the licensee will be settled, through diplomatic channels, based on principles of justice and, in the meantime, no extra burden will be placed on the parents, considering the fact that the institution was set up as a non-

profit body through contributions of the Pakistan government and the Pakistani community.

Syed Iqbal Hussain,  
Press and Cultural Attache,  
Pakistan embassy.

### Armchair criticism

SIR: There has been much hubbub about the conduct of the 'India Day', function held recently. Regrettably, the undertone was more of a destructive nature than a constructive one. Armchair criticism is easy. Anybody can do it. But to run around and get things done is something different. Only the wearer knows where the shoe pinches.

To organise an event like the 'India Day' is no easy task. It needs a lot of spade work and funds to project a reasonably true image of the sub-continent without harming its rich cultural heritage, and at the same time encompassing its strides towards modernity.

Fundamentally, this should be viewed as a flip to Indian tourism promotion and we must be thankful to the Kuwait government for their request through the Touristic Enterprises Company to make this an annual event.

Perfection is achieved through shortfalls. One cannot expect miracles at the very first instant. Therefore, despite the shortcomings, let us congratulate the

organisers for what they have done.

Let those who have criticised co-operate by putting forward their valued ideas to help make next year's event a better show. Wipe off personal prejudices, religious shades and complexes and try to see the Indian community as a consolidated group.

I urge Indians to help foster a feeling of oneness and project an attractive image of the world's largest democratic republic, to make the world know that India is not just a land of maharajas, snake-charmers and sacred cows, but something much more than that.

C.K. Sanyal, Safat

### Result delayed

SIR: The results of the CBSE Secondary School Examination have not been published yet. This delay is attributed to a computer fault. Secondary school examination results have never been delayed beyond the first week of June in the past. It is learnt that the results will not be out before June 20.

Due to this delay many students will find it very difficult to get admissions in various colleges in India. Many universities have already closed their admissions. We request the Indian minister of education to pay urgent attention to this matter and get the results published as early as possible. We also request the

minister to help all eligible students, who are victims of delay, get admission.

Overseas Indians Cultural Congress, Kuwait.

### Thank you, Fathima

SIR: Many thanks to Fathima Ahmed for her report on the plight of private sector employees (AT, 31/5/89).

It gives us some satisfaction to find someone who has dared to reveal our agony and suffering.

Private sector employees are treated like commodities. One should understand that they are human beings and not consumer goods. Many have left their countries for higher salaries, in order to save for their children.

Harun, Safat

### Moonstruck!

Sir: This is in reference to Balu Srinivasan's letter (AT, June 13). I didn't know that holding the 'India Day' was as difficult as going to the moon!

Farhath, Safat

All letters to the Editor must contain the writer's name and address. Publication is at the discretion of the Editor and letters are subject to the editing process for space or other reasons.



## Iranian leader had cancer

NICOSIA, June 16, (Agencies): Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini suffered from advanced cancer and almost died of a heart attack in 1986 before complications following stomach surgery led to his death two weeks ago, his doctors said.

"The imam (Khomeini) was an exceptional man and had an exceptional disease," Dr Hassan Arefi, Khomeini's personal doctor for the past 10 years, said on Iranian Television last night.

"Cancer usually expands slowly in old people, but his was a kind which spread very fast and took over everywhere."

Arefi and Dr Iraj Fazel, the surgeon who removed a cancerous section of Khomeini's stomach last month, gave the first detailed medical record of the Iranian revolutionary leader who died on June 3, aged 86.

Sitting on either side of Khomeini's hospital bed which was sprinkled with rose petals, the doctors recounted the efforts to save Khomeini's life in 11 gruelling days after his operation as he developed problems in his kidneys, lungs and heart.

Arefi said Khomeini had frequent chest pains after a first heart attack in 1980, when he spent seven weeks in hospital, and took several kinds of medication. Doctors were on hand round the clock at Khomeini's home in north Tehran.

Arefi disclosed for the first time that Khomeini was revived after a heart attack on March 26, 1986. Khomeini collapsed in the kitchen of his house and alerted the doctor on duty by pushing one of the many buzzers installed around the house.

"The doctor, in his underclothes, jumped and rushed to the imam, who was lying on the floor, no pulse, no breathing — in other words, no vital signs."

"To put it more plainly, his excellency had died for an instant," Arefi said.

He said the doctor sat on Khomeini's chest, massaged his heart and gave him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Arefi said every time Khomeini had heart trouble he looked for a cause and always found a social, political or emotional problem behind it.

"The pains became more frequent from perhaps 10 or 12 months ago. It was directly linked to the problems of the day which we all know about," Arefi said.

He did not elaborate, but 11 months ago Khomeini decided to accept a ceasefire with Iraq after calling for the overthrow of his arch-enemy, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, in eight years of war. He said the decision was more deadly for him than taking poison.

Earlier this year, when doctors recommended stomach surgery, Khomeini simply replied: "Do as you see fit."

"He was the most obedient patient I have seen in my life," he said.

The Friday prayer sermon in two major Iranian cities stressed President Ali Khamenei's qualifications for succeeding Khomeini as the Islamic republic's supreme leader, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Ayatollah Mohammad Emani Kashani, spokesman for the Council of Guardians, said at Tehran University that expressions of loyalty from throughout the country indicated the strength of Khomeini's leadership.

In the theological centre of Qom, Ayatollah Ali Meshkini, head of the Assembly of Experts, said that Khomeini had greater knowledge of political affairs than more senior clerical leaders.

### Challenge

An exiled Iranian dissident Ayatollah Mehdi Rouhani has announced his readiness to stand in Iran's presidential elections on Aug 18, according to a report in London.

Tehran Radio yesterday read a message of congratulation to Iran's new leader President Ali Khamenei from Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, heir apparent to the Khomeini until he was ousted in March.

## UK expels 3 Iranians on security grounds

LONDON, June 16, (AP): Britain today ordered the expulsion of three Iranians on national security grounds, raising to 20 the number of Iranians expelled since March when relations were ruptured over Salman Rushdie's novel "The Satanic Verses."

The Home Office said in a statement that two Iranian students and a businessman had been ordered to leave the country before June 26 because they had been "personally involved in activities which constitute a threat to the security of this country."

If the three do not leave, the Home Office said,

"action will be taken to enforce their departure."

The Iranians were not identified.

After Iran broke diplomatic relations with Britain in March over the Rushdie affair, the government ordered 17 Iranians and one Lebanese to leave on grounds of national security.

Britain said at the time it planned to expel "a number" of Iranians because of the refusal of Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini, who died earlier this month, to revoke his order to Muslims to kill Rushdie for writing the novel.



Cools (centre) and a Palestinian friend burst into tears as they hug each other. Urbain (right) wipes his tears.

## No ransom paid

Freed hostage flies to Belgium

BRUSSELS, June 16, (Agencies): A Belgian minister said today his country had paid no ransom to free Jan Cools, the Belgian doctor released yesterday by kidnappers who held him hostage for nearly 13 months in Lebanon.

Asked whether Belgium had paid any ransom, Foreign Trade Minister Robert Urbain told a Belgian radio correspondent: "Absolutely nothing, absolutely nothing."

Urbain negotiated 32-year-old Cools' release during talks with Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi and Palestinian leaders.

Cools spent his first night of freedom across the border in Damascus. He and Urbain left the Syrian capital today aboard a plane bound for Brussels.

Urbain said Khaddafi had intervened "because he felt it was in the interest of all Arab countries to make a positive contribution and show generosity in winning the release of Dr Cools."

The fact Belgium had not paid a ransom made Khaddafi's gesture "all the more significant and all the more commendable," he added.

Cools, a physician working for the Norwegian Aid Committee (Norway), was seized on May 21 last year near the Palestinian refugee camp of Rashidiyeh in southern Lebanon.

A little-known group called "Soldiers of Truth" said it kidnapped him.

The socialist minister's success in winning his release was seen by today's Belgian press as a snub to Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans, due to resign on Monday to enter the European Parliament.

Tindemans, a Christian Democrat, said yesterday Urbain's "socialist diplomacy" could lead to difficulties with Belgium's partners in the European Economic Community which has agreed to restrict contacts with Khaddafi.

But a security source in Lebanon said, a ransom

was paid for the release of Cools, who said after his release that he was treated "in a bad and nasty manner" during his captivity.

While a security source close to Sunni Muslim chief Mustafa Saad said a big ransom was paid for his release, Cools would not comment on the subject.

Cools was freed and taken to the house of a local militia leader in the southern port city of Sidon, 24 miles (38 km) south of Beirut.

"I feel very happy but I am tired," he told a news conference in Sidon.

Looking healthy but haggard, Cools first said his captors treated him well. "I was never hurt ... they were never aggressive to me," he said.

But after leaving the militia leader's home, Cools told a Belgium radio correspondent in Flemish, "I was treated in a bad and nasty manner." He did not elaborate on the bad treatment in the interview provided to United Press International.

The Soldiers of Truth, a clandestine group whose affiliations are unknown, accused Cools of spying for Israel.

"On Wednesday, the group said in a statement it would release Cools 'in response to calls by our brother (Libyan) leader Col. Muammar Khaddafi' and after mediation by a radical Palestinian group, the Fatah Revolutionary Council. News reports had earlier suggested Cools was held by the Fatah Revolutionary Council, led by Abu Nidal.

Three Belgian diplomats, including Charge d'Affaires Gilbert Bioul and Urbain, received Cools after the house of Saad, whose Sunni Muslim militia controls Sidon, witnesses and police said.

Cools arrived in Greece today where he was undergoing medical checks, the Belgian embassy in Athens said.

### ACC summit opens

## Call to Iran for peace in Gulf

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, June 16, (Reuters): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak yesterday opened an official summit of the four-nation Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) with a call to Iran's new leaders for peace in the Gulf.

Mubarak said: "It is in Iran's interest and (that of) all its neighbours to move fast to change the ceasefire to a lasting and comprehensive peace."

The leaders of Egypt, Iraq, North Yemen and Jordan are holding the second summit of their new alliance aimed at boosting trade and other economic ties.

Referring to the death on June 3 of Iran's supreme spiritual and political leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, Mubarak said the new Iranian leadership "should realise that there is nothing between us (Arabs) and the Iranian people and there could be no enmity between us."

He added: "Only the continued situation — swinging between war and peace — is blocking closer relations between Iran and all the Arab nations."

Iran-Iraq hostilities ended in a ceasefire last August after eight years but little progress has since been made in peace talks.

Egypt was one of Iraq's main

Arab backers in the conflict.

Along with Mubarak, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, Jordanian King Hussein and North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh are attending the ACC summit.

They hope to use the bloc, formed in February and representing almost half the Arab world's population, to double the volume of trade between their four countries.

The leaders got down to work yesterday on ways to turn their new alliance into a fully-integrated economic bloc.

Officials said talks would focus primarily on ways to boost economic ties and promote freedom of movement within the bloc.

"Achieving economic integration has a priority in the early stages," said the ACC's new secretary-general, Egyptian economist Helmi Nammar whose appointment was approved last night.

"Achieving economic unity in fact leads to political power," he told reporters.

Analysts said it was not yet clear how much the leaders wanted to extend their new alliance into political and military co-operation.

## Military victory possible, says US

WASHINGTON, June 16, (Agencies): US officials said on Wednesday it was still possible for Afghan rebels to topple the Soviet-backed government in Kabul despite a stalemate in fighting.

The officials were called to testify before a House subcommittee to respond to reports that due to the stalemate the United States was shifting its policy to seek a negotiated settlement to the 10-year conflict in Afghanistan.

During Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's meeting with President Bush last week, Bush said the two agreed to "encourage a political solution" in Afghanistan.

With the rebels' drive stalled at the strategic city of Jalalabad, Bush's remarks seemed a turnaround from the confidence expressed by US officials earlier in the year that a military victory was certain for the rebels, who have received millions of dollars aid from the US.

A US intelligence estimate had predicted the mujahideen would take control within six to 12 months after the last Soviet soldier left Afghanistan last Feb 15.

Afghan rebels claimed Wednesday they had closed the airport outside Kandahar, Afghanistan's second-largest city, although a separate report claimed government aircraft were still able to land at night.

A spokesman for the Iran-based Afghan rebels said Wednesday that his coalition and their counterparts based in Pakistan, have agreed in principle to forming an interim Afghan government, the official Iranian Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

## 'Genocide one way to crush uprising'

Israel intensifies clampdown

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 16, (Agencies): The Israeli Army would have to use measures like genocide if it wanted to crush the Palestinian uprising, Army Chief of Staff Dan Shomron said on Israel Radio today.

"People ask why we don't end the intifada (uprising)," said Shomron, who believes a military solution to the civil revolt is impossible.

"Anyone who wants to end the intifada must remember that there are only three ways to achieve this — transfer, starvation or physical elimination — that is, genocide," he said in a speech made yesterday and broadcast today.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday failed to secure an extra \$200 million to fund the Army's battle in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Right-wing critics such as Trade Minister Ariel Sharon have consistently slammed defence leaders for failing to end the uprising. They say Israel cannot consider a political solution until Arab violence ends.

Security sources said Palestinians stabbed a suspected collaborator in the West Bank town of Tulkarm today. They said Bassam Al Ahmas was believed to be under protection in an Israeli hospital.

About 45 suspected collaborators are among the more than 500 Arabs killed in the uprising so far. Twenty Jews have also died.

Israel intensified its clampdown on Palestinians in the occupied territories yesterday, closing the new office of prominent East Jerusalem moderate Sari Nusseibeh and demolishing three homes in the Gaza Strip.

Rabin's measures of mass arrests, house demolitions and recent hints at more expulsions of activists are part of a drive to persuade Palestinians they have no choice but to accept a government peace initiative for elections in the territories.

The military ordered Nusseibeh's offices, where he published a weekly newsletter, closed for two years.

Nusseibeh, a philosopher and local leader, is suspected of being an organiser of the 18-month-old Palestinian uprising and working for the outlawed PLO, security sources said. He denies the allegations.

In Gaza city, the Army yesterday dynamited two homes belonging to Palestinians arrested in a mass round-up of Muslim fundamentalist Hamas activists last month.

The Supreme Court upheld expulsion orders against two Palestinians alleged to be members of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, but never formally charged.

The military today demolished three houses and sealed three others of Gaza Strip residents, including Islamic resistance movement members allegedly involved in the murder of a suspected Palestinian collaborator.

At the Gaza city prison, Palestinians who were told they would not visit their relatives because of a prisoner-initiated strike began shouting and throwing stones at guards, Palestinian sources and an Army spokesman said. Reinforcements were called in to calm the situation and dispersed the crowd "without using any means" of tear-gas or bullets, the spokesman said.

Elsewhere in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, soldiers shot and wounded at least four Palestinians during disturbances, Palestinian sources said. An Army spokesman said one of the wounded was shot when he tried to resist arrest.

### Sentenced

A military judge, sentencing four soldiers to prison terms of six to nine months for the brutal beating of a Palestinian who later died, called on the Army to "have the courage to look in the mirror."

The judge, Col Emanuel Gross, said the case raised questions about whether the Army was going astray from Israel's basic values. He urged the military to bring to trial officers who gave illegal orders that extended the Army's policy of beating Palestinians who were rioting to include those who were arrested.

A cameraman for ABC television was shot in the head yesterday with a plastic bullet when Israeli soldiers opened fire on Palestinian demonstrators in the West Bank.

An Army spokesman said the TV crew violated an Army order putting the area off limits to reporters and said a complaint might be filed with police that could subject the crew to arrest. But Army officials later



Troops and police closed the office of Nusseibeh yesterday. Nusseibeh is showing reporters a copy of the closure order.

## Secret schools teaching kids

Palestinians learn

KAFR EIN, Occupied West Bank, June 16, (AP): Half a dozen seven- and eight-year-olds sat on the floor of a makeshift classroom in this West Bank village and leafed through a book on animals. Some drew Palestinian flags in the margins, but none could read the simple text.

"If they were in school, they'd be able to read by now," said Najah Mahmoud, the children's 15-year-old teacher. "I'm trying to get them to memorize some words, but it just isn't enough."

The West Bank's 230,000 elementary school children have been deprived of an education for nearly 17 months as a result of Israel's closure of schools in an attempt to quell the Palestinian uprising. Classrooms have remained empty for all but a few weeks since Feb 3, 1988.

To try to keep students from falling too far behind, Palestinians have been running underground classes in more than 100 West Bank towns and villages in defiance of Army orders. Israeli authorities say they closed the West Bank's 1,194 schools, including 145 schools for five- and six-year-olds, because they were breeding grounds for violent protests during the 18-month uprising against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Fifteen schools in the Gaza Strip have also been closed, but the Army has not shut down the entire system.

Israel has come under increasing international pressure, including a call from US Secretary of State James Baker, to reopen classes when the closure order comes up for renewal June 19.

Israeli officials say they have met with Palestinians to discuss resuming classes, but that school officials failed to deliver the necessary assurances that violence would not erupt.

### Result

"We would like to see the schools open but without an escalation of violence and without an increase in danger that children would be injured in the process. That's our concern, and Mr Baker's concern, as well," Foreign Minister Moshe Arens said in an interview.

Meanwhile, underground classes met secretly in unused buildings, mosques, churches or even in the open air, shaded by a tree. But according to Arab educators, these "people's schools" have produced mixed results.

"The problem we face now is illiteracy and the youngest children are suffering most," said Khalil Mahshi, principal of the Quaker-run Friends School in Ramallah.

"Normally you tackle the problem of illiteracy at age six. Now, instead of consolidating reading skills at age seven to nine, we are dealing with children as old as nine years old who are illiterate," Mahshi said.

He said West Bank six- and seven-year-olds have attended school for just 23 days, while seven- and eight-year-olds have studied less than half a year during the past two years.

"These children were just learning the alphabets, and now they've forgotten it," Mahshi said.

The children studying in a cramped one-room stone house in Kafir Ein, a village of 1,000 located 40 kilometres (25 miles) north of Jerusalem, spent a recent science class drawing pictures of donkeys, chickens and camels.

Samir, a dark-eyed seven-year-old, carefully sketched two outwaded Palestinian flags onto the hump of his camel.

"I'd like to be able to read. It is important," he said in a small, serious voice. "Instead, I can draw a Palestinian flag."

Muad, an eight-year-old classmate, wrote his name in shaky Arabic script on a cracked chalkboard propped against a chair, then turned proudly to a visitor. "When our school was open, we used to study writing a lot. I miss that," he said.

appeared to back down.

UNESCO's executive board has decided to put off for the time being a debate on whether to admit Palestine as a member state, Western diplomats said yesterday.

US and Soviet experts have begun two days of talks on the Middle East in which Washington was expected to press Moscow to play a constructive role in the Arab-Israeli peace process and not to interfere in Iran.

A senior US official might hold a meeting with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat within the next few days, a Kuwaiti daily said.

Israeli troops used rubber bullets and clubs to put down the riot and a 60-year-old Palestinian woman was injured in the head, Arab reports said.

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

### Lebanese gunman

PARIS, June 16, (Reuters): More than 3,000 French prisoners will be freed early under a presidential pardon marking the bicentenary of the 1789 revolution, but Lebanese gunman Anis Naccache will not be among them.

The pardon, published by the Justice Ministry on Thursday but still to be signed by President Francois Mitterrand, excludes those such as Naccache jailed for "terrorist crimes."

### 500 people march

ASSIUT, Egypt, June 16, (Reuters): About 500 people from various Islamic organisations marched through the streets of this southern city yesterday to protest against government handling of recent unrest, witnesses reported.

There were no incidents and security forces did not intervene to try to stop the march.

### Beheading

DAMMAM, Saudi Arabia, June 16, (Reuters): A Sudanese was beheaded in Saudi Arabia yesterday after being convicted of killing a sleeping fellow countryman.

An Interior Ministry statement said Mohammed Mousa Al drove his car over the sleeping Hamadna Aila with the aim of stealing his belongings, including money and jewellery.

The beheading took place in Al Baha, southern Saudi Arabia, where the murder was said to have been committed. The ministry gave no other details.

### Talks with Garang

LONDON, June 16, (KUNA): A senior British foreign office official held talks here yesterday with the visiting leader of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army, John Garang, on prospects for peace in southern Sudan.

### Moroccan prisoners

PARIS, June 16, (KUNA): The Polisario Front will release 200 Moroccan prisoners of war on the occasion of the "Eid Al Adha," it was reported here today.

According to "L'Express" weekly, the 200 Moroccan soldiers will be handed over to the Red Cross and representatives of the Italian government Tuesday in the region of Tindouf.

### Tanker blast

DUBAI, June 16, (AP): Marine salvage experts and civil defence officials today sought to determine what caused an explosion aboard a supertanker in Dubai's drydock, killing a Filipino seaman and wounding 10 others.

Shipping executives said the casualty toll from yesterday's blast could be higher.

The drydock, the biggest in the Gulf, was sealed off today as the experts inspected the 231,439-ton Seiva.

### US ambassador

WASHINGTON, June 16, (AP): President George Bush said Wednesday he will nominate Chas W. Freeman Jr., a foreign service officer who served as diplomat in China and Thailand, as US ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

Since 1986 Freeman has been principal deputy assistant secretary of state for African affairs.

### Clash in Lebanon

SIDON, Lebanon, June 16, (Reuters): One person was killed and three wounded Wednesday when a car accident in south Lebanon sparked a clash between Palestinian commandos and Lebanese militiamen, security sources said.

The Palestinians traded machine-gun fire and rocket-propelled grenades with the Popular Liberation Army militia at Ain Al Hilweh refugee camp southeast of Sidon, the sources said.

### Last Temptation

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 16, (Reuters): Israel's high court yesterday overturned a censorship ban on "The Last Temptation of Christ," an American film showing Jesus on the cross fantasising about making love.

The Jewish state was one of few countries to ban the film. Public censors ruled last October the movie harmed Christians.

### Students jailed

RABAT, June 16, (Reuters): Six Moroccan students have each been jailed for three years following clashes with security forces on a university campus, student sources said today.

Police intervened at the Faculty of Letters and Science in the central Moroccan city of Meknes on May 29 when picketing student tried to stop other students sitting examinations.

### Thrown out

CARACAS, Venezuela, June 16, (AP): Representatives of Venezuela's tiny Islamic community were thrown out of the Venezuelan Congress as they attempted to explain their position on publication of the Satanic Verses, according to news reports yesterday.

### Egypt gets loan

LUXEMBOURG, June 16, (AP): The European Investment Bank said yesterday it will lend 67.3 million European currency units (\$68.6 million) for the development of Egypt's electricity production and distribution.

### Economic trouble

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 16, (Reuters): Jerusalem's foreign newspaper said yesterday that Jordan's combat readiness and fighting capability had sharply deteriorated in recent months because of economic problems.

### Soldiers wounded

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 16, (Reuters): Two Israeli soldiers were wounded in an Israeli-declared security zone in southern Lebanon yesterday when their patrol was attacked by mortar fire, the Army said.



## EVENTS

## KTV I weekly highlights

- June 18, Sunday**
- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.30 Cartoons
- 10.15 Hikayat Sakhatat: Arabic serial (Part 14)
- 11.01 Al Nisr Wa Ayoun Al Madinah: Arabic serial (Part 1), starring Khaleel Shawqi, Siham Al Sabti and Mohammed Abdul.
- 12.15 That's Incredible: Foreign programme
- 1.30 Flouna: Cartoon serial
- 2.12 Abu Awaadh: Arabic serial (Part 14)
- 3.00 Mawsoot Al Sona Al Nabawiya: Religious programme
- 4.00 Shader Al Samak: Arabic feature film, starring Ahmad Zaki, Nabeela Obaid, and Mohammed Ridha
- 6.00 Stories from the Holy Quran: Children serial (Part 3)
- 7.30 Al Majala Al Ziraaya: Local programme
- 8.15 Diwanayat Shuara' Al Nabat: Local programme
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 10.45 Sahara Munawa'a: Late night variety
- MONDAY**
- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.15 Cartoons
- 9.30 Iflah Ya Simsim: Children programme
- 10.15 Hikayat Sakhatat: Arabic serial (last part)
- 11.20 Al Nisr Wa Ayoun Al Madinah: Arabic serial (Part 2)
- 1.30 Flouna: Cartoon serial
- 2.15 Abu Awaadh: Arabic serial (last part)
- 4.00 Meerath Al Sineen: Religious historical stories
- 5.45 Al Aftal Wa Al Saif: Children programme
- 7.45 Holy Quran and Science
- 8.30 Omsiyat Al Ithneen: Local programme, prepared and presented by Mohammed Al Barjis
- 10.00 Illi Ma'a Qursh: Daily Arabic serial
- 10.45 Hamati Qonbula Thariya: Arabic feature film, starring Tahya Karyouka, Ismael Yaseen, Mari Munib and Abdul Fatah

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**TUESDAY**

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran

10.15 Hafat Al Hawiya: Arabic serial (Part 1), starring Farouq Al Qeshawi, Ragha, Omar Al Hareri and Dalal Abdul

11.15 Al Nisr Wa Ayoun Al Madinat: Arabic serial (Part 3)

12.15 Hikayat Ma'a Al Nojoom: Variety programme with guest artist Najeeb Al Rihani

1.30 Flouna: Cartoon serial

2.15 Imra'a La Taaref Al Ya's: Arabic serial (Part 1), starring Maha Al Saleh, Assad Fidha, Sabah Jazari, and Radwan

4.00 Wa Yokhti Al Qalb Ahyanan: Arabic film, starring Omar Al Hariri, Raja Al Jedawi, and Khaled Zaki

7.00 Hikayat Al Asmaa: Historical serial (Part 3)

7.55 Al Alam Min Hawlina (The World Around Us)

9.00 News in Arabic

10.00 Illi Ma'a Qursh: Daily Arabic serial (Part 11)

10.45 Ithimalat: Cultural programme

**WEDNESDAY**

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran

9.30 Iflah Ya Simsim: Children's programme

10.15 Hafat Al Hawiya: Arabic serial (Part 2)

11.15 Al Nisr Wa Ayoun Al Madinat: Arabic serial (Part 4)

1.30 Flouna: Cartoon serial

2.15 Imra'a La Taaref Al Ya's: Arabic serial (Part 3)

4.00 Football Match: Poland vs. Bulgaria (1974 World Cup)

6.00 Lila Min Alf Lila: Children's programme

8.30 Lawhat Shabiyah: Local programme

9.00 News in Arabic

10.00 Illi Ma'a Qursh: Daily Arabic serial (Part 12)

10.45 Mahakim Bala Sojoon: Bedouin serial (Part 3)

**THURSDAY**

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran

10.15 Hafat Al Hawiya: Arabic serial (Part 3)

11.15 Al Nisr Wa Ayoun Al Madinat: Arabic serial (Part 5)

1.30 Flouna: Cartoon serial

2.15 Imra'a La Taaref Al Ya's

Ya's: Arabic serial (Part 3)

4.00 Al Dhahiyah: Arabic local feature, starring Ghanem Al Saleh, Ibrahim Al Salal, Mohammed Al Mai

7.30 Al Bahth An Al Mughamara: (Looking for Adventure)

9.00 News in Arabic

10.00 Illi Ma'a Qursh: Daily Arabic Serial (Last part)

10.45 Sabab Al Amara: Arabic feature film, starring Yahya Shaheen, Fuad Al Muhandes, Tahya Karyouka

12.15 Ktama Lakom

**FRIDAY**

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran

9.15 Cartoons

10.15 Children's Magazine

11.15 Friday prayers

4.00 Arabic film: Sawt Al Hub (Sound of Love) starring: Warda Al Jazairiya, Hasan Yousef

7.00 Kuwait in a Week

8.00 Family programme

9.00 News in Arabic

10.00 Wrestling

10.45 Variety programme: "Word" with actor Ezzat Al Aylali

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran

9.15 Cartoons

9.30 Iflah Ya Simsim: Children Programme

10.00 Magazine D'Actualite

10.15 Hikayat Sakhatat: Arabic Serial (Part 13)

11.00 Sabab Al Khair: News and Variety

11.20 Al Zaez Wa Ayoun Al Madina: Arabic Serial (Last Part)

12.05 News Summary and Variety

12.15 Min Ajal Ghadi: Arabic Serial (Part 3)

1.00 News Summary

1.05 The World News Via Satellite

1.30 Flouna: Cartoon Serial

2.00 Variety

2.15 Abu Awaadh: Arabic Serial (Part 12)

3.05 Mawsoot Al Sona Al Nabawiya: Religious Programme

3.30 Bibi Folk and Cilmaro: Cartoon Serial

4.00 Al Shareet Al Ahmar (The Red Code): Foreign Film, Starring: Lourin Green

6.00 Al Fanan Al Sagheer: Local Programme

7.00 Variety

7.25 Noor Al Islam: Religious Programme

9.00 News in Arabic

9.45 Illi Ma'a Qursh: Daily Arabic Serial (Part 8)

10.35 Al Khoroj Mina Al Jeld: Arabic Feature, Starring: Salah Qabeel, and Iman Al Towqi

**NIGHT CHEMIST**

Kuwait

Salem Pharmacy

Fahad Al Salem St., Near The Sheraton Hotel

Al Majel Pharmacy

Abdullah Al Mubarak St. Hawalli and Nagra

Shamsan Pharmacy

Nagra, Ibn Khaldoun St. Salmiya and Rumaythiya

Randa Pharmacy

Salem Al Mubarak St. Fahad and Almadhi

Al Wafa Pharmacy

Fahad, Al Dabbous St. Old Khaitan

Ghazwa Pharmacy

North St., opposite to the Police Station.

12.00 News Summary

12.05 The World News via Satellite

12.30 Holy Quran and Close-down

**KTV 2**

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 Mickey and Donald: cartoon series

6.30 Not Another Science Show: "Power to the People." A look at the development of electricity and how it is distributed to the people around the world.

7.00 Out of the World: "Guess Who is Coming to Earth."

7.30 Animals of Africa: "When the Lions Go to Drink."

8.00 News in English

8.40 Our House: "The Fifth Beagle." Guess has to cope with a new fad: a

musical group formed by his grandchildren.

9.40 Reaching for the Skies: "The Adventure of Flight." Adventurous fliers, festivals and aviation buffs.

10.30 Saturday Night Movie: "Case Closed." Starring: Byron Allen, Eddie Jones. Two detectives decide to reopen a 15 year-old robbery case involving the theft of a royal jewel.

12.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Close-down.

**PRAYERS**

Fajr 3.13 am

Zuhr 11.49

Asr 3.22 pm

Maghreb 6.49

Isha 8.22

## This week on KTV 2

**SUNDAY**

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 Dennis the Menace: cartoon serial

6.30 Bellamy: an exciting new adventure for young viewers.

7.00 In the Wild: a look at animals and reptiles in the Australian outback.

7.30 Sea Hunt: "Jennifer's Rescue." Jennifer is missing and Dr Mike is forced to take refuge on a remote island.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Murder. She Wrote: Nature Watch: "Woodpecker." A look at the woody woodpecker.

10.00 You Can't Take It With You: "A Very Moving Day." Alice wants to move out of the family home.

10.30 Best-Seller

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Close-down

**MONDAY**

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 Bionic Six: cartoon series

6.30 Wild America: "Breaking Wild Life." A look at life in the wilderness.

7.00 Rovin Report: weekly roundup of world and regional affairs.

7.30 Charles-in-Charge: "Getting In." Charles and his friends want to join a group. But first, they must pass a test.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Paradise: "The Promise." Uncle Ethan and his nephews George and Ben are caught in a sand storm in the desert.

9.30 227: "Best Friends." Mary suffers from an inferiority complex when her celebrity friend pays a visit ...

10.00 Alfred Hitchcock

Presents: The Hitchcockian brand of thrills are in store for viewers in tonight's episode.

10.30 French Series: One Cop, One Judge. "Le Hochost." A police officer takes up the task of investigating fraud by a group popular for its religious activities.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Close-down

**TUESDAY**

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 The Pink Panther and Son: cartoon series

6.30 Captain Power: "Flame Street." Captain Power takes a risk and enters the WEB, which is controlled by Lord Dread

7.00 The World About Us: "Crocodile."

8.00 News in English

8.40 The Fourth Arm: the story of espionage during World War II continues as the team is returned back to France.

9.30 Mutual of Omaha: "A Day with the Spotted Dolphins." A study of Dolphin behaviour in the Atlantic.

10.00 Everything's Relative: "It's a Business Doing Pleasure With You." Julian persuades Scott to escort a pretty company executive to win over new clients.

10.30 Midnight Caller: "A Kiss for the Dying." A man is freed on bail. But radio host Jack Killian tries to have him re-arrested. Starring: Gary Cole

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Close-down

**WEDNESDAY**

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 The Raccoons: cartoon serial

6.30 Mac and Mutley: more stories of adventurous dogs; shepherds that take part in competitions and a mobile service for dog welfare. Also a look at parrots.

7.00 Danger Bay: "Pets and Peeves." An "Adopt a Pet" programme brings hordes of people to the aquarium. Starring: Donnelly Rhodes

7.30 Body Matters: "Family Fortunes." Tonight's episode examines genes, and what they say about a child's future.

8.00 News in English

8.40 You and the Law: presented by Ali Noor

8.50 Sonny Spoon: "Cheap and Chilly." Sonny rescues a black body, hit by his car, and takes him to hospital, later he learns that the boy was involved in drug smuggling. Action.

9.40 A different world: start of new series.

10.00 Just for the record: tonight's episode captures the achievements of adventurers around the globe

10.30 Late Night Movie: "Death by Law."

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Close-down

**THURSDAY**

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 Denver: cartoon serial

**FRIDAY**

4.00 Holy Quran

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4.30 Italian Football

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Price hike ruled out

# OPEC may raise output ceiling, says Lukman

## China voices support for OPEC stabilisation efforts

KUWAIT, June 16, (AP): OPEC president Rikman Lukman says the organisation may raise production by another 1 million barrels a day in September, but rules out hiking the benchmark price of \$18 a barrel before the end of the year, a local daily reported today.

He quoted Lukman as saying in an interview that the latest agreement of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Vienna allows the 13 member states to slightly overshoot their set quotas.

"The good element in the new accord is that it recognised the possibility of some member countries exceeding their quotas. This has been clarified to the effect that any violation will be a limited one," said Lukman, Nigeria's oil minister.

He praised Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa for stating clearly that Kuwait would be producing slightly above its

OPEC-decreed quota of 1.093 million barrels a day.

The Kuwaiti minister has said his country would produce 1.35 million barrels a day to meet inside and outside obligations, but would not go to the extent of jeopardizing the improving market conditions.

Lukman said: "Kuwait has signed (the OPEC accord) with conditions, and declared these conditions to the world so that the extent of the Kuwaiti reservation be known."

The latest OPEC accord raised the organisation's production ceiling from 18.5 to 19.5 million barrels a day from July 1. OPEC was expected to consider another hike in output in September if prices remained stable.

He admitted that OPEC was under pressure from non-OPEC producers and oil companies to raise the reference price to \$19 a barrel to make investment in oil exploration more profitable.

VIENNA, June 16, (OPECNA): The price of West Texas Intermediate, the US marker, has risen by \$1.30 a barrel in the last two days.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), the US benchmark shot up by 34 cents yesterday to end the day at \$20.57 per barrel.

Barring some to-and-fro movements, the oil market has been essentially robust since OPEC oil ministers met in Vienna earlier this month to hammer out a fresh agreement, raising the organisation's output for the second half of the year by one million BPD to 19.5 million BPD.

But, he said: "September will be an early time for reconsidering the \$18 benchmark."

Lukman expressed hope that the quota problem would be resolved in September when OPEC oil ministers meet to review the situation.

This week OPEC secretary general Dr Subroto received a personal message of unstinting support from China. In a telegram, Zheng Dunxun, president of the China National Chemicals Import-Export Corporation, declared: "It is our earnest hope that all the member countries of OPEC can be united as one and strictly abide by the agreement to make due contributions to the long-term stability of the world market and the maintenance of oil prices at a reasonable level. We will surely give our consistent support and positive co-operation to every effort made by OPEC."

"Of course we want to resolve the quota problem as soon as possible. We may be able to do that in September if all members co-operate," Lukman said in response to a question.

"It is highly probable that the production ceiling will be raised

This is the first time China has extended its unstinting support to OPEC's market stabilisation efforts as reflected in the organisation's price and production agreement of November 1988.

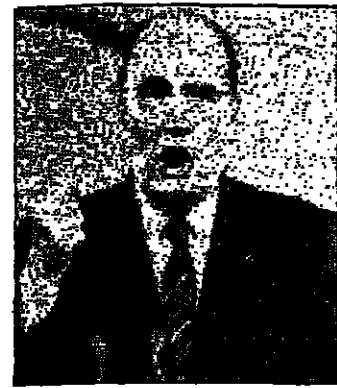
Another message received by the OPEC secretary-general this week was equally positive and reassuring. It came from Mexican Secretary of Energy, Mines and State Industries Fernando Hiriart, who said: "We consider that the OPEC agreements are a valuable contribution to the firming of oil prices, since they reflect the continuation of a serious and responsible effort by its member countries to maintain their support of lasting oil market stability."

He went on to assure Subroto that Mexico felt that a "concerted approach" towards oil market stability "should continue" because "the credibility of initiatives and efforts will depend crucially on our ability to back them with concrete actions and to move forward with all participants in full synchrony."

Hiriart declared that Mexico "remains committed to the support of oil market stability and a continued co-operative effort to advance the common interests of oil producing and consuming countries."

million barrels a day in the fourth quarter of the year, we may be able to raise the production ceiling to between 20 and 20.5 million barrels a day without causing any adverse impact on the market," he added.

Lukman predicted that as demand for OPEC oil increases, the discussion on output quotas was likely to be narrowed down to the Gulf member countries of OPEC as they had a high production capacity "while the production capacity of other producers dwindles."



## France offers credit to Poland

WARSAW, Poland, June 16, (AP): French President Francois Mitterrand has offered to relax credit terms for Poland and reschedule part of its debt to help the country through its economic difficulties as it carries on political reforms.

Mitterrand made the offer in a dinner toast on Wednesday night on the first day of a three-day visit to Poland.

Yesterday, Mitterrand was to meet with Prime Minister Mieczyslaw F. Rakowski for talks with Solidarity leader Lech Walesa.

At a state dinner hosted by Polish leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, Mitterrand told his audience that France wants to be "concrete support for the process of reform taking place."

Referring to the recent opening of dialogue with the independent Solidarity trade union and the holding of the country's first free elections since World War II, Mitterrand said, "the stakes of what is taking place in your country exceeds the future of Poland alone."

"We wish for the success of the current experiment and back it because it will help Europe in the East and the West," he said.

"Poland's debt deserves special treatment," he said, referring to the \$39-billion that Poland owes to the West. "The debt accumulated in the 1970s has been growing because Poland's hard-currency earnings are insufficient to cover even the interest on the debt."

"I wish for relevant international bodies to display imagination to help Poland to overcome this difficult stage, basing on a realistic estimate of her financial possibilities," Mitterrand said.

He said that France would speak up in the Paris Club of Western creditor nations in favour of offering debt relief to Poland.

He said France also would offer Poland flexible short- and medium-term credit for financing industrial projects, agriculture and food processing and tourism development.

Earlier, French Finance Minister Pierre Bérégovoy signed an agreement permitting rescheduling of part of Poland's debt to France totalling more than \$1 billion. Under the rescheduling, Poland does not have to make any payments on that sum until 1993.

## Dassault under pressure to seek alliances

PARIS, June 16, (Reuters): France, keen to revitalise mirage jet fighter manufacturer Avions Dassault, is pressing the state-controlled group to find a partner, aviation experts say.

They said tighter defence budgets, especially in the Middle East, and the tougher competition had hit the once proud company.

"Dassault allowed its arteries to harden. Now the government wants to see it shaken up by moving out into the world," a senior executive with a rival French aerospace group said at the Paris air show this week.

As the rest of the French aviation industry has forged alliances with partners across Europe, and more recently in the United States, Dassault has appeared increasingly isolated.

But the group recently changed course, announcing it was seeking outside links through cross-shareholdings, in jointly owned subsidiaries or on specific projects.

During the 10-day air show — the biggest in the world and a traditional showcase for the French aviation industry — speculation on Dassault's potential partners was rife.

Aviation experts cited a wide range of candidates, ranging from France's Aerospatiale, the Netherlands' Fokker and Sweden's Saab to new aviation groups in Brazil, India or Yugoslavia. Most, however, were not convinced a merger was imminent.

# Alternative fuels — back in fashion?

## BP offers most coal reserves for sale

LONDON, June 16, (Reuters): Helped by US President George Bush, alternative fuels have now moved beyond the jokes about running cars on cow dung.

But their widespread use is still years away and the environmental benefits they may confer are disputed, say energy analysts and oil industry executives.

Bush proposed clean air legislation on June 12 that would require the sale by 1997 of one million cars that can run on alternative fuels, such as natural gas and fuel alcohols methanol and ethanol.

In fact, car engines could be modified now to take these fuels, oil companies say. The problems of setting up production and distribution networks for a major shift away from petrol.

"Using methanol is not difficult. The problem is getting oil companies to produce it cheaply in quantities needed to make it a viable automotive fuel," said Fenton Chuck, an energy analyst at London stockbrokers CL-Alexanders Laing and Cruikshank.

"Most technical issues surrounding the use of methanol as a vehicle fuel have been resolved," agreed Chris Burgess at the research centre of oil giant British Petroleum (BP).

"But on the economic side, it's a question of which should come first — the market for a product or the ability to produce and distribute it?"

Manufacturing methanol, now used mainly in plastics and fibres production, is not a problem. It can be made from natural gas, decomposed agricultural waste or coal. But present output is far too low for

wide-scale use in vehicles.

"Total world consumption of gasoline (petrol) is about 500 million tonnes a year. Total world production of methanol is about 15 million," said Geoff Pyne, energy economist at London stockbrokers UBS-Phillips and Drew.

Methanol's sister compound ethanol has powered most of Brazil's new cars since the mid-1970s. Ethanol has similar properties to methanol but its major drawback is that it must be produced "biologically" — by distilling sugarcane or corn, making it very expensive.

It costs about twice as much to produce as petrol.

"We feel that while methanol as a fuel could be economic," said BP's Burgess, "ethanol will never be economic without substantial tax incentives."

Proponents of alternative fuels say cars burning methanol and ethanol emit fewer harmful gases like carbon monoxide and nitrous oxides, making them ideal for vehicles in heavily polluted urban centres — the kind of area at which President Bush is targeting his legislation.

"In terms of pollution they're extremely clean," said Chuck. "And methanol requires less oxygen to burn completely so you're unlikely to get the same degree of incomplete combustion you get with gasoline."

Unburnt petrol vapours are reckoned by environmentalists to be highly damaging atmospheric pollutants. But alcohol fuels have their own drawbacks.

"You can sum up the whole thing as far as consumers and environmentalists are concerned

by saying: 'There's no such thing as a free lunch,'" said Phillips and Drew's Pyne.

Methanol is less inflammable than gasoline, meaning methanol-powered cars are hard to start when cold. It is more corrosive, putting extra strain on engines and fuel systems.

In a move designed to focus more closely on its core oil business, BP announced yesterday that it has put most of its worldwide coal operations up for sale.

BP said in a statement it hoped to sell its Cleveland-based BP coal subsidiary to a single buyer but would consider selling some properties individually. The company has retained Chase Manhattan Bank as its financial adviser.

BP coal has 3,350 employees and reported 1988 revenues of \$959 million last year the company produced 32 million tons of coal.

"In line with BP's strategy of focusing increasingly on oil, gas, chemicals and the varied opportunities presented in the nutrition sector, we believe we have now reached the point where our coal interests are likely to offer greater value to a company in the coal or mining sector," said BP managing director Patrick Gilman.

London-based BP said it hoped the sale would be completed by the end of the year.

According to BP, although methanol burns more efficiently than gasoline, it contains less energy to start with, so methanol-powered cars need about 50 per cent more fuel than conventional cars to cover the same distances.

## India, Brazil to attack new US trade law

GENEVA, June 16, (Reuters): India and Brazil, branded unfair traders by the United States under tough new legislation, intend to hit back at Washington at a session next week of the GATT trade body's ruling council, delegate sources said today.

Both countries have separately notified the secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) that they will raise the so-called "Super 301" section of the 1988 US trade act at the council meeting next Wednesday and Thursday, a GATT spokesman said.

"There will be discussion of this issue," spokesman Hans-Peter Werner told a regular weekly news briefing.

The US "Super 301" clause, under which the US can impose sanctions on a partner in retaliation for what it deems unfair trading practices.

A US "hit list" published last month cited India for regulations Washington said discouraged foreign investment and insurance, and named Brazil for overly strict import licensing requirements. Japan was also listed for closed markets in supercomputers, satellites and forest products.

The US legislation allows for 18 months of negotiations with targeted countries to get them to lift their restrictions or face retaliation if this fails.

India and Brazil angrily objected to being cited, and indicated they would take the issue to the 96-member GATT, which sets the rules for four-fifths of world commerce.

The GATT spokesman declined to comment on Indian press reports that Indian Commerce Minister Dinesh Singh had told reporters there would be no meaningful negotiations in the GATT-sponsored Uruguay round of world trade talks until the "Super 301" issue was resolved.

## Paramount buyout offer rejected Time, Warner pursuing merger

NEW YORK, June 16, (AP): Time Inc. today rejected a \$10.7-billion buyout offer from Paramount Communications Inc. and launched a tender offer for Warner Communications Inc. that values Warner at more than \$12.4 billion.

The move comes amid a complicated, three-way battle for Time, which had announced a merger with Warner before Paramount jumped in with its own bid for Time launched on June 7.

Time and Warner had been expected to try to salvage their deal, which would create the world's largest media concern.

Trading in Time and Warner stock was delayed on the New York Stock Exchange because of the announcement, but Paramount stock fell \$1 to \$58.50 a share. Time closed at \$171.50 a share and Warner at \$55.625 a share yesterday.

"Time said Paramount's unsolicited \$17.5-a-share offer

was not in the best interests of the company because it is financially inadequate and highly conditional."

Time said it would pay \$70 a share in cash for 100 million Warner shares in a tender offer, and then \$70 a share in cash and securities for the remaining Warner stock.

As of Dec 31, 1988, Warner had 177.2 million shares outstanding, fully diluted.

The two companies also said they had carried out a stock swap provided for under their earlier merger agreement. The stock swap was intended as a defence against an unsolicited bid for either company.

Paramount did not immediately respond to the announcement.

Time and Warner agreed in March to merge in an all-stock deal under which Time stockholders would get a share in the new company, Time-Warner Inc., for each Time share while Warner

shareholders would get 0.465 of a share of the new company for each of their Warner shares.

In today's statement, Time reiterated that it is not for sale.

"We are convinced that remaining independent and combining operations with WCI will best serve the interests of Time, its stockholders and its other constituencies," Time chairman J. Richard Munro said.

Time said its board turned down the Paramount offer because the bid was highly conditional in terms of obtaining the required \$14 billion in financing and securing regulatory approval, which Time said Paramount might never receive.

Paramount, formerly called Gulf and Western Inc., announced its bid for Time on June 6, just 2 1/2 weeks before Time and Warner shareholders were to vote on the proposed merger. The tender offer was formally launched the next day.

## Dollar slips as rally fizzles out

LONDON, June 16, (Reuters): The dollar ended lower in Europe today after a concerted morning round of central bank intervention.

Dealers were divided about the dollar's outlook for next week after the US currency was pulled off 2-1/2-year highs touched yesterday.

West Germany's Bundesbank caught foreign exchange markets by surprise by leading the round of dollar selling in early trading today. The dollar had slumped by six pence in New York trade the previous day after the US Federal Reserve intervened heavily and investors took profits.

The dollar paradoxically rose a pence on the sales but sank after US consumer price figures

for May showed American inflation was higher than expected.

It fell in London to end at 1.9950 marks and 145.90 yen compared with 2.0235 and 149.45 yesterday, and subsequently touching highs of 2.0470 and 151.80 in New York.

A week ago it finished in London at 2.0055 and 146.30.

Some dealers still had confidence in the dollar. "There is still great readiness to buy dollars, not just in the Far East but in Europe as well," one Frankfurt dealer said. Others, however, were not so sure.

The pound remained vulnerable on foreign exchanges. It has been undermined by a lack of confidence in the British government's economic management

and the dollar's strength.

But a rise in Britain's inflation rate to 8.3 per cent in May, as forecast, consolidated a view that the government would not raise interest rates for now, economists said.

"The feeling in Downing Street (Prime minister's office) is enough has been done on interest rates to cool the economy," said Peter Spencer, an economist at Shearson Lehman in London.

The price of gold fluctuated with the dollar in quiet trading. Bullion closed in London at \$363.75 an ounce compared with a final 362.25 last night.

On Wall Street, stocks were mixed. The Dow Jones industrial average at New York's midday was 4,29 points higher at 2,479.29.

## Interest rate policy paying dividends UK inflation rises to 8.3pc

LONDON, June 16, (Reuters): Britain's annual inflation rate rose to 8.3 per cent last month, almost double what it was a year ago and its highest level in seven years, according to official figures issued today.

The figure was in line with forecasts by independent economists and financial markets showed little reaction.

The pound sterling steadied at mid-day around \$1.5250 and just over 3.06 West German marks while the London stock market's 100-share FTSE index was 12.8 points up at 2,142.4.

The 8.3 per cent year-on-year increase in May, compared with eight per cent in April, was the highest since July 1982, when the index stood at 8.7 per cent.

London markets had been awaiting the new figures nervously, fearing a rise steeper than the one expected might give

the pound another battering.

The British currency had traded below \$1.50 at one point yesterday as the dollar surged.

In his budget speech in March Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson had predicted inflation would peak at eight per cent around the middle of the year before falling to 5.5 per cent in December.

Lawson has drawn intense political fire over his handling of the economy and has shaken market confidence by clashing publicly with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher over the causes of Britain's inflation problem.

Lawson and Thatcher have tried this week to bolster the markets by playing down their differences and expressing their support and admiration for each other.

Lawson's main weapon

against inflation, the Conservative government's number one economic energy, has been to raise interest rates to try to curb consumer spending.

He said Lawson's interest rate policy was paying dividends through a slowdown in the housing market.

But the opposition Labour Party, buoyed by two by-election victories yesterday said: "The only economic miracle the chancellor can claim is that he is still in office."

Anthony Thomas, chief economist at Kleinwort Benson Brokers, said he believed inflation would peak at 8.5 per cent in the next two months before slowly decreasing.

"I still think the markets are thoroughly confused as to what government policy is," he said. "The government does seem to have gone soft on inflation."

## Construction of nuclear plants banned

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, June 16, (AP): Yugoslavia's parliament yesterday adopted a law formally banning the construction of new nuclear power plants in the country, the state Tass news agency reported.

The adoption of the law follows strong anti-nuclear sentiments voiced after the Chernobyl accident in 1986 by various ecological groups within the country.

Previously, Yugoslavia had made public plans to construct several atomic power plants by the year 2000.

Yugoslavia's only nuclear power plant is at Krsko on the border between Slovenia and Croatia. The US-built 632 kilowatt station, in operation since the 1970s, has often been hit by malfunctioning.

## Inflation a threat to economy US consumer prices rise 0.6pc

WASHINGTON, June 16, (Agencies): Consumer prices rose 0.6 per cent last month after climbing 0.7 per cent in April, the Labour Department said today, indicating that inflation is still a threat to the economy.

"It's discouraging, in a word," said Robert Chandroos, chief economist at Lloyds Bank North America. "It's tempting to say energy's a problem, but you take it out and prices are still running at a high level."

Indeed, excluding the volatile food and energy components, the consumer price index advanced 0.5 per cent last month, more than twice April's 0.2 per cent rise in the so-called "core inflation" rate.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department said today that the construction of houses and apartment buildings in the United States fell 2.1 per cent in May to the lowest monthly rate since the end of the last recession in 1982.

The two reports mildly disheartened investors who concluded that the economy may be slowing, but inflation is not. Last week, the Labour Department reported a bigger-than-expected 0.9 per cent gain in wholesale prices for May.

Treasury bond prices fell on expectations that the rise in the index would keep the Federal Reserve, the Central Bank, from lowering interest rates in the near future.

"The Fed's next move is an ease, but they certainly can't ease with the price indices showing these types of gains," said Stephen Gallagher, a money market economist at Kidder Peabody and Co. "They can't back off the inflation fight right now."

So far this year, consumer prices have risen at a seasonally adjusted 6.7 per cent annual rate, up from a 4.4 per cent rise for all of 1988.

Consumer prices continued to be driven higher by energy prices, which jumped 1.6 per cent in May. But they were well below the 5.1 per cent rise in April. Gasoline prices rose 3.9 per cent last month, a modest gain compared with April's 11.4 per cent jump, but enough to account for about a fourth of the gain in the May price index.

Last month's increase in consumer prices left the index for urban consumers at 123.8 against its 1982-1984 base of 100, meaning that a basket of goods that averaged \$100 between 1982 and 1984 cost \$123.80 last month.

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# Workers' army to rebuild Faw for peace

BASRA, Iraq, June 16, (AP): The army of workers who rebuilt the war-damaged southern port of Basra in four months is moving on to the ruined oil town of Faw in a reconstruction drive Iraq's leader says is designed to show it wants peace with Iran.

"The reconstruction of Basra which is within range of Iranian artillery, and Faw, which is within rifle range, is intended to encourage Iran to move toward peace," President Saddam Hussein told visiting American businessmen last week.

Basra, Iraq's second largest city which

lies only 12 miles (19 kilometres) from the Iranian border, has become a symbol of the country's post-war revival and its drive to industrialize.

As a gleaming new Basra emerged from the rubble of the 8-year conflict with Iran, the Iraqis have also been repairing and expanding their Gulf ports that were closed throughout the fighting.

The ports of Khor Al Zubair and Um-Qasr team with work crews building new piers and warehouses as shipping trade

builds up again following the Aug 20 ceasefire in the Gulf war.

But efforts to reopen the palm-fringed Shatt Al Arab waterway, Iraq's main outlet to the Gulf and which runs through Basra, remain stymied by the deadlocked peace talks between Iraq and Iran.

The reconstruction of historic Basra, founded 1,400 years ago and famed as the home of Sinbad the sailor, formally ended on Wednesday.

Dozens of public buildings and schools have been built to replace those destroyed

or damaged in the war. Hundreds of kilometres of new roads have been laid. Every street has new sidewalks.

Everywhere buildings have been patched up and spruced up. Millions of sandbags that protected buildings have been removed.

The city's network of canals, which earned it the sobriquet "Venice of the East," have been dredged, have been cleaned and bridges rebuilt.

But hundreds of wrecked houses still have to be built.

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1989

## LONDON (Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	INCHCAPE	245.0
ADT LTD	183/0	JAGUAR	354/0
ALD LYONS	346/0	KINGFISHER	295/0
AMSTRAD	79/0	LADROCK	577/0
ARGYLL GP	226/0	LAND SECS	566/0
ASDA GP	180/0	LAPORTE	431/0
A B FOODS	363/0	LASMO	466/0
BAA	349/0	LEGAL-GEN	309/0
BAT INDS	374/0	LLOYDS BK	340/0
BARCLAYS	438/0	LNRHO	268/0
BASS	000/0	LUCAS IND	633/0
BEAZER	192/0	MAGNET	292/0
BEECHAM	628/0	MARKS+SP	190/0
BERSFORD	46.85	MAXWELL C	180/0
BICC PLC	503/0	MB GROUP	195/0
BLUE ARW	92/6	MECCA LEI	156/0
BLUE CIRC	536/0	MEPC	570/0
BOC GP	477/0	NTH FOODS	315/0
BOOTS CO	292/0	P & O DFD	635/0
BPB INDS	236/0	PEARL	430/0
BR BOM	176/4	PEARSON	717/0
BR AIRWAY	201/0	PILKINGTON	254/0
BR AEROSP	683/0	PLESSEY	263/0
BR GAS RG	184/0	RACAL ELC	277/0
BR LAND	347/0	RACAL TEL	516/0
B.P.	295/0	RANK NYS	445/0
BR STEEL	84/5	RANK ORG	940/0
BR TELCOM	273/0	REKITT+CO	551/0
BUNZL	144/0	REDLAND	410/0
BURNHAM OL	588/0	REED	410/0
BURTON	214/0	RMC GRP	746/0
CABLE&NTR	485/0	REUTERS	768/0
CADBURYS	356/0	RTZ CORP	489/0
CALOR GRP	398/0	ROLLS ROY	188/5
CRLTN CO	817/0	ROTHMAN B	525/0
COOKSON	331/0	ROYAL INS	391/0
COURTAULD	335/0	SATCHEL	287/0
DALGETY	357/0	SAINSBURY	265/0
DIXONS	143/0	SCOT-NEW	318/0
EMC CHINA	475/0	SEARS	114/5
ENTER OIL	545/0	SEDEGWICK	255/0
F&I BAKCO	168/0	SHELL	410/0
FERRANTI	94/0	SIEBE	514/0
FISONS	285/0	SLOUGH ES	322/0
GATEWAY	211/0	STO-CHART	524/0
GEN ACCIO	920/0	STOREHOUSE	362/0
GEN ELEC	244/0	SUN ALIA	078/0
GLAXO	341/0	SUN LIFE	965/0
GRANADA	337/0	TARNAC	313/0
GLOBE	176/5	TATE&L	247/0
GLYNED	286/0	TYLOR WOOD	637/0
GUARD RYL	194/0	U GROUP	433/0
GUINNESS	501/0	TRAF HSE	361/0
HARRISON A	782/0	TSS	106/0
HARRISON C	202/4	T+N	25/25
HARRISON D	162/0	TRUSTEE	315/0
HARRISON E	687/0	ULTRAMAR	306/0
HILLSDOWN	274/0	UNILEVER	573/0
		UTD MWSR	430/0
		WELLCOME	437/0
		WHITRD IN	358/0
		WILLIAMS	245/0
		WILLIS FB	226/0
		WINPEY GE	271/0

## LONDON (Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLICE	934/0	936/0
600 GROUP	140/0	140/0
A-AMER TR	452/0	453/0
A-B-ELECT	375/0	375/0
A.S.W.HLD	267/0	267/0
AAB KENT	121/0	121/0
AAH HLD	389/0	389/0
AARONSON	100/0	100/0
ADDITION	44/0	43/0
ADVEST	183/0	183/0
ALEX WUKV	202/0	203/0
ALEXON	382/0	383/0
ALLD COLL	149/0	149/0
ALLD IR N	153/0	154/0
ALLD LON	149/0	150/0
ALLD PART	70/4	71/0
ALLD TEXT	380/0	381/0
ALLIANCE	055/0	055/0
AMER DAY	53/4	54/0
AMER TST	158/6	157/4
AMERSHAW	431/0	429/0
AM HLTIC	401/0	399/0
ANGLIA TR	184/0	185/0
ANGSACHER	261/0	262/0
APPLYARD	167/0	168/0
APV PLC	139/4	140/0
ASHLEY LA	101/0	102/0
ATWOODS	458/0	459/0
AUTO REED	385/0	380/0
AUTO SECS	290/0	290/0
AVESCO	149/0	148/0
AVIS EUR	404/0	403/0
AVON RUBB	591/0	590/0
B.JEMMILL	256/0	257/0
BAILL JAP	504/0	506/0
BAILL SHI	90/4	91/0
BAIRD (W)	238/0	238/0
BANK TRE	290/0	291/0
BANKER IT	89/4	89/0
BARDON GP	198/0	198/0
BART DEV	184/0	183/0
BAYNES C	34/0	35/0
BEA GROUP	196/0	195/0
BEAR BRND	12/2	12/6
BEATTIE J	147/0	146/0
BELHAVEN	51/0	52/0
BELLWAY	230/0	231/0
BENROSE	239/0	240/0
BENLOX HD	60/0	60/0
BERKELEY	196/0	195/0
BH GROUP	127/4	127/0
BK OF SCO	91/0	92/0
BLCK LE 2	10/0	9/6
BN GROUP	471/0	468/0
BNETT +F	85/0	85/0
BOASE MAS	365/0	362/0
BOODINGTON	164/0	164/0
BOY SHOP	663/0	665/0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 300 ORD	1771.8	1758.9	1758.9	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1214.00	114.00	1221.67	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1092.65	1092.65	1094.50	1076.15
FT GOV SEC	82.02	82.02	83.75	87.30
FT GOLD MN	183.70	183.70	218.44	161.9
FT MINES F	618.26	618.26	616.32	565.31
FT OIL	0	0	2050.6	1978.9
FT WLD DLR	136.68	138.20	137.87	125.4
FT WLD STG	133.45	135.24	134.83	130.21
FT WLD LOC	134.50	135.86	136.45	129.77

## London Stock Market Report

UK STOCKS STEADY NEAR HIGHS, HELPED BY WALL STREET

DAY'S HIGH'S IN LATE TRADING, HELPED BY MODEST GAINS ON WALL STREET AND EARLIER RELIEF THAT THE LATEST SET OF U.K. INFLATION DATA CONTAINED LITTLE TO UPSET THE MARKET, DEALERS SAID.

ADDITIONALLY, DOLLAR WEAKNESS HAS HELPED ALLAY SOME OF THE WORRIES OVER STERLING AND U.K. INTEREST RATES. BUYING FOR THE NEW ACCOUNT, WHICH BEGINS MONDAY, PROVIDED FURTHER LATE SUPPORT BUT THE VOLUME WAS MODEST, REFLECTING THE DAY'S ACTIVITY.

BY 1505 GMT THE FTSE INDEX WAS 9.7 UP AT 2,158.3, COMPARED WITH A HIGH ON THE DAY OF 2,142.8.

SHARP FALLS IN THE DOLLAR OVERNIGHT GAVE UNEXPECTED RELIEF TO STERLING AND U.K. MONEY RATES, UNDERPINNING STOCK PRICES AT THE OPENING. THE U.S. CURRENCY'S STRENGTH RECENTLY HAD SPARKED TALK OF A RISE IN U.K. 14 PCT BASE RATES.

THE KEY THREE MONTH INTERBANK STERLING RATE WAS 3/8 POINT LOWER AT 14-3/16 1/16 PCT, WHILE THE POUND ROSE THREE BASIS POINTS TO A TRADE-WEIGHTED 90.8 BY THE CLOSE.

STERLING SHOWED LITTLE REACTION AFTER U.K. MAY RETAIL PRICES ROSE AN EXPECTED ANNUAL 8.3 PCT AFTER 8.0 PCT IN APRIL. MANY IN THE MARKET HAD BEEN LOOKING FOR A GAIN OF AS MUCH AS 8.5 PCT, HIGHLIGHTING EXPECTATIONS OF FURTHER INCREASES IN COMING MONTHS.

## London Gold

LONDON, JUNE 16, REUTER - GOLD BULLION CLOSED SLIGHTLY FIRMER THIS AFTERNOON SHOWING GAINS ON THE DAY OF 1.50 DLRS AN OUNCE IN LARGELY QUIET, LACKLUSTRE TRADING CONDITIONS WITH PRICES FOLLOWING THE FORTUNES OF THE DOLLAR, DEALERS SAID.

GOLD ENDED AT 363.50/364.00 DLRS AN OUNCE, UP FROM THURSDAY'S FINAL QUOTE OF 362.00/362.50 DLRS, BUT SLIGHTLY EASIER FROM THIS AFTERNOON'S FIX OF 365.35 DLRS.

DEALERS SAID THAT GOLD MOVED UP TO THE DAY'S HIGHS OF AROUND 367 DLRS WHEN THE DOLLAR ENDED FOLLOWING SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN EXPECTED U.S. INFLATION DATA, BUT THEN DRIFTED DOWN AS IT ENCOUNTERED RESISTANCE AND THE DOLLAR FIRMED.

## London Money Market

LONDON, JUNE 16, REUTER - STERLING MONEY RATES EASED BACK STEADILY TO CLOSE AROUND 1/2 POINT BELOW YESTERDAY'S LEVELS THROUGH THE COMBINATION OF A WEAKER DOLLAR AND SIGNALS FROM THE BANK OF ENGLAND THAT IT DID NOT WANT TO SEE HIGHER BASE RATES TODAY, DEALERS SAID.

STERLING GAINED MORE THAN TWO CENTS AGAINST THE DOLLAR OVERNIGHT AS PROFIT TAKING AND CENTRAL BANK SELLING KNOCKED THE U.S. UNIT DOWN. THE POUND OPENED HERE AT 1.5405/15 DLRS AND HOVERED AROUND 1.5300 MOST OF THE DAY.

THE BULL RUN FOR THE DOLLAR IS OVER IS NOW I'D READ IT, ONE DEALER SAID.

## Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
DLR	1.5280/90	2.0045/55	6.8035/65	6010
STG	3.057/071	3.0585/95	10.3785/4015	6010
DMK	10.3850/4030	339.26/90	29.375/535	FIX
FFR	2.6404/6460	66.18/33	25.37/44	FIX
NFL	2.2605	112.61	33.18	FIX
ECU	1.03237	0.675856	2.07094	7.03199
SOR	1.21334	0.806099	2.47546	8.39935
YEN	146.40/70	224.02/63		
SOR RATE	15/06/1989	OTHERS	16/06/1989	

## NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCH COM	41/1	41/6
AAK CORP	30/1	30/4
ABBOTT LAB	55/2	56/1
ACME CLVD	12/7	12/6
ADV MICRO	9/6	9/6
AEROFI LAB	4/2	4/2
AETNA LIFE	54/3	54/3
AMHANNSON	21/7	22/1
AIR PR-CHM	43/2	43/2
ALASKA AIR	27/0	27/1
ALBERTSONS	47/5	47/7
ALBMA 8-16	0	89/0
ALCAN ALUM	21/4	21/4
ALCO STAND	30/1	30/5
ALCO SEC	21/3	21/3
AM CYANAMID	54/1	54/1
AM FAMILY	16/0	15/7
AM HON PR	92/1	92/6
AM STANDARD	9/7	9/7
AM STORES	63/2	63/5
AM TEL-TEL	35/1	35/3
AMOCO CORP	43/2	43/5
AMP INC	41/5	42/0
AMPCO PITT	0	14/7
AMR CORP	60/7	61/1
AMR GEN CO	35/5	35/5
AMERADA NE	36/3	36/2
ANTHEM ELE	10/4	10/4
APACHE CP	11/6	11/5
APPL 8-12	0	88/0
ARMSTRONG	37/4	38/0
ASHLAND OIL	41/1	41/1
ASIA PACIF	10/3	10/3
BETH STEEL	11/5	11/2
AVERY INT	25/7	26/0
AVNET INC	25/1	25/1
AVON PRODS	34/7	34/5
BCE INC	32/7	32/7
BELLSOUTH	47/1	47/7
BELO CP A	34/0	34/0
BETH STEEL	22/7	23/0
BEVERLY	8/2	8/1
BK BOSTON	27/1	27/7
BK BOSTON-A	0	37/1
BK N-YORK	52/0	52/2
BK TR-NY	47/3	47/7
BKINAMERICA	28/0	28/0
BKINAM SPEC	6/2	6/1
BOEING CO	50/2	50/4
BOISE CASC	44/6	44/6
BND IN GLD	0	7/1
BORDEN	66/1	66/2
BOMATEX	29/6	29/7
BR TELECOM	42/7	43/0
BRIGGS-STYR	26/5	26/4
BRIST-HYER	47/3	47/6
BRUNSWICK	18/4	18/3
C 3 INC	0	12/0
C HUD G-EL	22/3	22/3
CABOT CORP	40/6	41/0
CAESARS WD	37/3	37/1
CA FREIGHT	24/7	24/7
CAS NAT GS	17/2	17/4
CAT-DOCKE	32/6	32/6
CATERPIL TR	58/7	59/0
CB I IND	32/6	33/0
CBS	19/0	200/4
CENTEL CP	50/0	49/6
CHAMP INTL	33/2	33/6
CHAMP SPA	20/6	20/6
CHARTER CO	4/4	4/4
CHASE MAN	38/3	38/5
CHESCORP	34/4	34/4
CHEVROK	52/2	52/3
CHRYSLER	24/6	24/7
CHUBB CORP	70/1	70/1
CHUR FR CH	5/3	5/3
CIGNA CORP	55/0	55/5
CIR CIT ST	45/0	45/1
CIRCLE K	12/4	12/4
CITICORP	31/5	32/1
CLARK EQUI	37/2	36/6
CLOREX	36/6	37/3
CMPL RES	11	12
CMPL RES	44/0	44/4
CND PACIFIC	19/0	19/0
CONCHEN	9/1	9/2
CONSTAT	40/6	40/6
COCA-COLA	55/6	55/4
COLECO	14	14
COLMAN CO	0	73/7
COLL-PALM	49/3	49/3
COLUMBIA	44/0	43/5
COLUMBUS-C	11/0	11/2
COM EDISON	37/5	37/6
CONAGRA	32/2	32/3
CON EDISON	50/4	50/7
CONTINENTAL	33/7	33/7
CONTL ILLN	40/2	40/2
CONTEL CP	58/4	58/5
CONTR DATA	22/5	22/6
COOPER T-R	29/5	29/4
COOPER CORP	3/2	3/3
CORNING INC	37/2	37/4
CRAY RES	49/7	50/2
CULLINETT	7/6	7/6
DANA CORP	41/1	41/2
DANIEL IND	13/0	13/0
DATA GEN	17/2	17/6
DATON IND	52/0	51/2
DEC	91/1	91/2
DEERE-CO	58/5	59/0
DELTA AIR	65/7	66/3
DIAMOND SH	24/6	24/7
DIEBOLD	44/4	44/4
DISNEY W	90/7	91/3
DOVER CORP	32/0	32/0
DOW CHEM	87/6	87/5
DOW JONES	35/1	35/6
DRESSER INC	40/3	40/2
DREYFUS	30/2	30/2
DUKE POWER	49/5	49/7
DUN BRAD	55/4	55/6
DUPONT	108/6	109/5
DUALSINE	20/3	20/2
DYNAMICS	25/0	25/1
E SYSTEMS	31/1	31/1
EAGLE PICH	13/7	13/7
EASTERN EN	30/1	30/1
EMERSON EL	34/3	34/6
EMERSON RA	5/2	5/2
ETHYL CP	25/2	25/7
EXON	43/5	43/6
FAM DOL ST	12/0	12/1
FED NAT MD	84/0	84/3
FIELDCREST	27/0	27/1
FLEETWOOD	26/4	27/0
FLEMING CO	38/5	38/5
FNC CORP	38/1	38/1
FORD MOTOR	48/5	48/7
FOSTER WIL	19/6	19/7
FRCHLD IND	17/7	17/6
FREE NC OG	4/7	4/7
FST BANK	24/2	24/1
FST CHICAG	41/5	41/7
FST INTERS	63/6	64/2
FST MISSIP	15/7	16/0
GANNET CO	45/5	45/6
GAP STORES	41/4	41/5
GALVESTON	0	2/4
GATX CORP	68/3	68/5
GCA CP	0	5/2
GEN DATA	5/0	5/1



International Bond Highlights

**LONDON:** Chrysler Finance Corporation is issuing a short dated Euroyen bond due July 17, 1999 paying a coupon of 5.5 pct and priced at 101.30 pct for an amount of 10 billion yen. Lead manager Nippon Credit International Ltd said.

**LONDON:** Jeta 5 Ltd is issuing a 14 billion Eurobond due March 23, 1999 paying a coupon of 5.45 pct and priced at 101.58 pct, lead manager Mitsubishi Finance International Ltd said.

**LONDON:** Banque Nationale de Paris is issuing a 10 billion yen three year Eurobond paying a coupon of 5.38 pct and priced at 101.38 pct, lead manager Daiwa Europe Ltd said.

**LONDON:** The State Bank of Victoria is issuing a 10 billion yen Eurobond due October 18, 1999 paying 5.38 pct and priced at 101.18 pct, lead manager Daiwa Europe Ltd said.

**LONDON:** Mitsubishi Corp Finance PLC is issuing a 10 billion yen Eurobond due June 26, 1999 paying a coupon of 5.14 pct and priced at 101.0 pct, lead manager Nikko Securities Co (Europe) Ltd said.

**Frankfurt:** The European Investment Bank is issuing a 150 mln mark floating rate note due in June 2006, paying six month London interbank offered rate minus 15 basis points, Salomon Bros said as lead manager.

**Frankfurt:** LKB Baden-Wuerttemberg Finance NV is issuing a 300 mln mark, 10-year floating rate note paying a flat six-month London interbank offered rate, Trinks & Buehler KGAA said as the sole lead manager.

**LONDON:** The Bank of England said it will buy three short dated government bonds at its June 30 reverse auction, totalling a maximum of 400 in sig.

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	88	89	91.50	NRK IRON	117.50	118	122
ACC	316.50	321	315	GNFC	38	38.75	39.50	NAT INDEX	375.69	373.66
ALCOB CHEN	---	---	---	GRASIM	113	115	115.25	NIPON	36	35
ALU MIS	---	---	---	GSFC	147.50	151.25	155	MOCL	917.50	950
ARI FAR	---	---	---	GUJ ALKY	68	67	67.50	OSAI	19.50	19
ASHOK LEY	67	66	68	HERO HONDA	10.50	9.50	10.50	OSAI AGRO	67	67.50
ASIA PAINT	192	192.50	190	HERO CIBA	22	21.50	22.50	PEICO	67	68.50
ATLAS COP	40.50	40	42	IND COVA	940	940	940	PFIZER	67	67
AUTO CORP	---	75	80	IND COVA	105	105	106.25	PROM	207.50	205
BAJAJ AUTO	370	375	373.75	IND MOTOR	89.50	91	91	PROM AUTO	48.50	50
BAJAJ AUTO	437.50	457	455.50	IND MOTOR	37	38	38.25	RANBAXY	110	97.50
BAJAJ AUTO	143	144	147	IND MOTOR	275	277.50	287.50	RAY WOOL	79.50	79.50
BOM PLAST	---	---	---	IND MOTOR	710	730	740	RECKITT	200	203.50
BOM DYE	132	133.50	132.50	IND ORG	35	36	37	RELIANCE	118	122.50
BSE INDEX	714.97	712.03	712.03	IND ORG	80	82	80	SESA GOA	42.75	41.50
BURR MEL	190	187.50	195	INDOROL	307.50	307.50	316.25	SHRI FIB	86	84
CANHARE	185	180	185	INDOROL	400	395	410	SIDEMENS	71	70
CEI ENKA	242.50	242.5	242.50	INDOROL	112	109	114	SKF	1320	1360
CEI SPS	184.00	185.5	188.00	INDOROL	74	75	74	SPIC	34.50	36.25
COLGATE	327.50	331.25	327.50	INDOROL	185	183	186	ST NILLS	250	255
CROWN GR	---	1185	1185	INDOROL	74	75	75	TATA CHEM	117.50	120
DOCK	11.50	10.50	11.50	INDOROL	400	395	400	TATA OIL	55	55
DEEP FERT	33.50	34	33.50	INDOROL	84	86	84	TATA POW	320	315
DUNLOP	74	74	76	INDOROL	68.50	69	70.25	TELCO	800	807.50
EI HOTELS	55	54	55	INDOROL	102	100	100	THAP AGRO	---	---
ESSENTS	64.50	64.50	66.50	INDOROL	104	103	104	TISCO	1325	1345
ESSENTS	118.75	122.50	121.25	INDOROL	94	94	97	VAM ORG	160	150
ESSENTS	21	21	21.50	INDOROL	18.25	17.75	18.50	VARELI	26.25	25
ESSENTS	175	175	177.50	INDOROL	625	620	630	VOLTA	840	850
ESSENTS	67	67	68	INDOROL	230	215	220	WINTCO	20	20
ESSENTS	38	38.75	38.75	INDOROL	395	375	385	ZUARI AGRO	71	77.50

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR	CLSE
ALCOB CHEN	200.00	200.00
ALU MIS	1818.00	1820.00
ARI FAR	222.00	222.00
ASHOK LEY	306.00	306.00
ASIA PAINT	381.00	379.00
ATLAS COP	376.00	376.00
AUTO CORP	435.00	435.00
BAJAJ AUTO	450.00	450.00
BAJAJ AUTO	551.50	554.00
BAJAJ AUTO	243.70	242.20
BAJAJ AUTO	296.50	297.20
BAJAJ AUTO	668.50	670.50
BAJAJ AUTO	552.50	553.00
BAJAJ AUTO	543.00	543.00
BAJAJ AUTO	322.00	322.50
BAJAJ AUTO	599.00	599.00
BAJAJ AUTO	405.00	405.00
BAJAJ AUTO	454.00	454.00
BAJAJ AUTO	294.20	295.50
BAJAJ AUTO	269.80	270.00
BAJAJ AUTO	249.50	249.20
BAJAJ AUTO	607.00	614.00
BAJAJ AUTO	226.00	222.00
BAJAJ AUTO	562.00	569.00
BAJAJ AUTO	515.00	510.00
BAJAJ AUTO	184.40	180.00
BAJAJ AUTO	178.50	172.50
BAJAJ AUTO	718.00	711.00
BAJAJ AUTO	184.00	186.00
BAJAJ AUTO	315.00	300.00
BAJAJ AUTO	247.50	244.70
BAJAJ AUTO	523.50	530.00
BAJAJ AUTO	440.00	442.00
BAJAJ AUTO	314.00	306.00
BAJAJ AUTO	43.70	44.70
BAJAJ AUTO	569.00	568.50
BAJAJ AUTO	788.00	790.00
BAJAJ AUTO	313.00	309.00
BAJAJ AUTO	304.00	304.00
BAJAJ AUTO	378.00	377.00
BAJAJ AUTO	310.00	311.00
BAJAJ AUTO	270.00	268.00
BAJAJ AUTO	340.00	340.00
BAJAJ AUTO	654.00	655.00
BAJAJ AUTO	306.00	308.00
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BAJAJ AUTO	353.00	354.00
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BAJAJ AUTO	187.00	190.00
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HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR	CLSE
BANK EA	13.90	13.90
CATHAY	8.25	8.35
CAVENDISH	265	260
CHIEUNG K	7.45	7.35
CHINA L-P	11.30	11.40
DAIRY FARM	655	655
EVERGO IND	1.99	2.05
GT EAGLE	0	0
H S INDEX	342.41	340.02
HAECO	17	17
HANG LUNG	3.50	3.55
HENDERSON	3.62	3.62
HK BANK	5.55	5.55
HK ELEC	7.00	7.00
HK GAS	15.80	15.90
HK LAND	7.35	7.30
HK TELECOM	4.42	4.40
HK-S HOTEL	4.40	4.47
HOPMELL	1.91	1.87
HS BANK	20.60	20.60
HUTCHINSON	8.00	8.05
HYSON DEV	1.20	1.19
JAR MATH	19.10	19.00
JSH	10.70	10.60
KH BUS	6.50	6.50
LAI SUN	104	100
MANDARIN O	0	0
MIRAMAR	5.15	4.97
NEW WORLD	8.10	8.20
PAUL Y CON	8.20	8.80
SHK PROP	8.50	8.55
STELLUX	1.95	1.92
SWIRE A	14.20	14.30
TAI CHEUNG	3.55	3.45
TV-B	8.20	8.20
WHARF	7.60	7.60
WINSOR	8.10	7.75
WORLD INTL	3.15	3.15

TOKYO

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ALCOB CHEN	200.00	200.00
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TOKYO STOCK MARKET REPORT

TOKYO STOCKS TURN AROUND TO CLOSE HIGHER

TOKYO, JUNE 16, REUTER - LATE BUYING BY INVESTMENT TRUST FUNDS AND BARGAIN-HUNTERS PULLED SHARE PRICES OUT OF NEGATIVE TERRITORY TO A HIGHER CLOSE IN LIGHT TRADE. THE MARKET SPENT MOST OF THE DAY IN THE DOLLSARS AFTER THE YEN'S RISE AGAINST THE DOLLAR OVERNIGHT SPARKED A SHORT-LIVED RALLY IN THE OPEN.

"JAPANESE MONEY IS STILL LARGELY OVERSEAS OR IN THE SHORT-TERM MARKETS," SAID TETSUYA FUKAMI, HEAD OF EQUITIES AT SHEARSON LEHMAN HUTTON ASIA INC.

THE NIKKEI INDEX GAINED 142.08 POINTS OR 0.43 PCT TO CLOSE AT 33,055.17 AFTER BEING DOWN 307.49 TO A LOW OF 32,605.60 IN MID-AFTERNOON. ON THURSDAY IT FELL 489.90, A 1989 RECORD.

"THERE SEEMS TO BE A SUPPORT LEVEL AT 32,500, BECAUSE BUYING INCREASED WHEN THE INDEX BEGAN TO SINK TO THAT LEVEL," SAID SHEARSON'S FUKAMI.

THE NIKKEI FELL A TOTAL OF 584.81 POINTS IN THE WEEK. TURNOVER WAS A VERY LIGHT 550 MLN SHARES AGAINST 650 MLN ON THURSDAY. MOST INSTITUTIONS REMAINED SIDELINED.

THE BROADER FIRST SECTION INDEX, OR TOPIX, WAS A NEGLIGIBLE 0.07 POINT UP AFTER FALLING 32.66 ON THURSDAY.

THE DOLLAR TOOK A NOSEDIVE OVERNIGHT ON MASSIVE CENTRAL BANK INTERVENTION AND HEAVY PROFIT-TAKING. IT WAS TRADING AT 145.10 YEN AT MIDDAY HERE AFTER CLOSING AT 151.30 ON THURSDAY.

OPTIMISTIC DEALERS PUSHED THE KEY 225-SHARE NIKKEI UP 281.91 POINTS TO 33,195.00 SHORTLY AFTER THE OPEN ON THE DOLLAR'S DECLINE, BUT INVESTORS DECLINED TO FOLLOW SUIT BECAUSE OF CONTINUED CONCERNS ABOUT RISES IN JAPANESE INTEREST RATES, TRADERS SAID.

"INSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN SIDELINED WAITING FOR A STRONGER YEN, BUT THIS CURRENCY SHIFT IS TOO QUICK. THEY ARE STILL UNEASY," SAID A BROKER AT A MAJOR JAPANESE SECURITIES HOUSE.

"THE BROKERS ARE MAKING FOOLS OF THEMSELVES," SAID ONE JAPANESE TRADER. "EVERY DAY THEY TRY TO PUSH PRICES UP IN THE MORNING AND EVERY DAY THEY FALL BACK DOWN AGAIN."

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, JUNE 16, REUTER - SHARE PRICES ENDED marginally firmer AFTER EASING THROUGHOUT MUCH OF THE DAY.

THE HANG SENG INDEX CLOSED 2.39 POINTS HIGHER AT 2,342.41 AFTER HITTING A MORNING LOW AROUND 2,309 AND AN AFTERNOON HIGH OF ABOUT 2,348.

"I DON'T REALLY THINK ONE CAN READ ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT INTO THE MARKET EXCEPT THAT IT IS SLIGHTLY MORE COMFORTABLE AT THESE LEVELS," SAID WILLIAM PHILLIPS, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF BARKING SECURITIES.

"THE WILD SWINGS WE SAW EARLIER INDICATED THE MARKET HAD CERTAINLY NOT FOUND LEVELS AT WHICH IT WAS COMFORTABLE."

AMMAN

As of 14.6.99	OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	2.24	2.28
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	2.25	2.23
ARAB BANK	150.00	148.7
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	4.61	4.58
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.82	1.86
ARAB INSURANCE	1.01	1.04
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.72	0.71
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.11	1.16
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	1.30	1.33
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.37	2.37
ARAB PAPER CON/TRA	0.37	0.38
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	3.56	3.57
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	1.65	1.64
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.25	15.20
BEIT AL-MAL/BEITNA	1.16	1.22
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00	29.00
CONFECTION/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.34	0.36
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	2.85	2.81
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.81	0.80
FINANCE/CREDIT/COF	0.75	0.71
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.60	4.60
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.59	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.25
GENERAL WINNING	2.10	2.10
HINWEL MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLD LAND INS.	1.44	1.44
IND./MATCH JEMCO	0.89	0.90
INDSTR. DEVLPT BAK	1.70	1.70
INDSTR. COMM/AGR.	1.84	1.80
INDSTR. INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN. COMM/INV	0.13	0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.85	0.81
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERNED/PETRI/CH	2.16	2.14
J. TOUR-SR COMPLEX	0.97	0.80
JORDANIAN INS.	1.26	1.29
JOYBAC/CO/IGARET	19.50	19.50
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	2.14	2.14
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.51	1.50
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.01	1.01
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	2.18
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.37	2.35
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.83
JOR LIM BRICK	0.18	0.18
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.48	2.48
JOR PAPER CARD/BRD	3.96	3.95
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.90	3.95
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	2.32	2.30
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79	1.72
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.25
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	1.12	1.12
JOR SECURIT CORP.	1.12	1.11
JOR SELPHO CHENY	2.30	2.25
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	2.62	2.65
JOR.		



## Indonesia opens new tiny stock market

SURABAYA, Indonesia, June 16, (Reuters): Indonesia, home to one of Asia's least active stock markets, today opened its first private bourse where share analysts and government officials hope will boost the country's fledgling capital market.

"With Surabaya we want to give a kick to the sleepy Jakarta market with some competition," said one analyst.

The Jakarta stock market had its first-ever boom at the end of last year but in recent months has been largely moribund except for new share issues which have all been heavily oversubscribed.

"I'm betting on Surabaya," said one analyst. "There are a lot of successful companies here and the further you are away from Jakarta the better."

Surabaya, in East Java, is the country's second largest city and boasts a rapidly expanding industry.

Speaking to reporters after the opening ceremony here, Finance Minister Johannes Sumartono admitted that the lack of supply of shares has been a problem in developing the capital market.

Indonesia has targeted this area as one way to get the private sector to take the lead in economic development away from the financially hard-pressed government.

However Sumartono ruled out any early tax changes to encourage new listings. "At this stage I am not prepared to reconsider tax laws," he said.

Analysts say tax disclosure is a serious worry for companies hoping to list in a country where tax payment has traditionally been largely avoided. One suggested forgiveness of past mistakes.

"There is no doubt financial reporting is a major problem," said one.

However, the government is optimistic there will be lots of new companies going public despite the need for more open accounts.

Marzuki Usman, chairman of the capital markets executive board (Bapepam) which regulates the country's stock markets, said he expected 20 new listings this year.

Share analysts say the figure will more likely be no more than 10.

However, they noted that for companies a market listing is an attractive alternative to expensive bank loans and that under new banking reforms some firms have been affected by limits on the amount one bank can lend to a single institution.

## UK waters down pub proposals

LONDON, June 16, (Reuters): A bitter campaign by Britain's top brewers has forced Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government to soften its line on plans to change the future of the British pub, the traditional haunt of the beer drinker.

Thatcher's free-marketting Conservatives were set to make the big six national brewers sell off around 20,000 of the country's 80,000 bars in the interests of fostering competition.

The State Monopolies and Mergers Commission said brewing firms should not be allowed to own more than 2,000 pubs each.

But the brewers mounted a newspaper advertising campaign warning of the threat to the survival of hundreds of local pubs, especially those in remote rural areas.

The big six, which together account for 75 per cent of British beer output, are Bass PLC, the biggest with 7,100 pubs, Allied-Lyons PLC, Whitbread and Co PLC, Grand Metropolitan PLC, Elders IXL Ltd of Australia through its Courage subsidiary, and Scottish and Newcastle Breweries PLC, the smallest with 2,300.

Trade and Industry Secretary Lord Young initially said he intended to implement the watchdog commission's recommendations.

But he has since changed his tune, saying:

"If a way could be found of opening the market to much greater competition through the creation of many more free houses and breaking the grip of the national brewers, without forcing property disposals, I would welcome it."

Another measure proposed in the commission's report would have allowed tenants in pubs which are owned by the big brewers more freedom in choosing which drinks they sold.

The anger of the brewers and concern within his own governing Conservative Party has forced Lord Young to backtrack.

## Kuwait takes another step towards investment diversification

LONDON, June 16, (OPECNA): With the acquisition of a further 5.2 per cent stake in one of Britain's leading high street banks, the Midland, Kuwait has taken yet another step towards the diversification of its investments outside the country.

The Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) confirmed here last week that it was the "mystery buyer" of the stake in the Midland Bank from Hanson PLC. This raised KIO's holding in the British bank to 10.3 per cent. No price was revealed.

Kuwaiti investments across Europe

have been multiplying over the years. According to the Spanish magazine "Espana Economica", Kuwait has between \$2 and \$3 billion invested in Spain.

The magazine said that the Kuwaiti investment was the biggest foreign one in Spain. Some of Kuwait's investments are said to have been channelled through companies registered in the Netherlands and Panama. In 1986, Kuwait bought shares in Torras Hostench, a paper manufacturing company.

KIO said Wednesday that it was

collaborating with a Spanish company in the construction of a tourist and recreational project in the Cadiz region, southwest Spain.

The project, to be called Sherry Golf Montecastillo, will include a complex of 1,000 residential units at a cost of \$200 million.

On Wednesday, a leading Soviet economic official urged Kuwait and other Gulf countries to invest in the Soviet Union.

Peter Elkhemov of the Soviet External

Economic Relations Ministry emphasised the protection provided by the Soviet government to foreign investments. The joint economic commission set up by the USSR and Kuwait is to start a two-week meeting in Kuwait today. Talks are already in progress between officials from the two sides on protection of investments and capital in each country.

Meanwhile, Kuwait Central Bank Governor Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah said here last week that leading countries of the world had started to

grasp the need for co-operation to resolve the international debt crisis.

He noted that there had been a change in the attitude of the main creditor nations, many of whom had adopted more practical and realistic positions on reducing Third World debt.

He reiterated a proposal made by HH the Amir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, in September 1988 at the United Nations calling for an international conference of creditor nations to hammer out an agreement on resolving the world debt crisis.

Ministers keen to expand long-term bilateral relations

## Iraq, Moscow sign economic accord

BAGHDAD, June 16, (Agencies): Iraq and the Soviet Union have signed a protocol on economic, trade and technical co-operation.

The accord was signed by Iraqi Minister of Finance Dr Hikmat Omar Al Hadithi and the Soviet Minister of Foreign Economic Relations, Konstantin Katushev, at the end of two days of talks here on Tuesday.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, the two ministers expressed a common desire to expand long-term bilateral relations between the countries.

Under an agreement signed here in February this year, the Soviet Union agreed to help Iraq develop oilfields, build power stations and implement irrigation schemes.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov has revamped the troubled Soviet energy administration, sacking the men in charge of the oil and gas industries and merging their ministries, according to details issued on Wednesday.

In a ministerial shakeup last week, Ryzhkov also ousted the ministers for justice and construction, parliamentary

Vladimir Kurtshin disclosed in

an interview published by the trade union daily Trud.

Ryzhkov, seeking a team of technical specialists to end the country's economic crisis, kept only 10 of 100 senior officials appointed in 1984 and slashed 20 of 52 ministries in the industrial, transport and farming sectors.

Kurtshin, who heads an industrial commission in the new Soviet parliament, provided more details of the reshuffle than Ryzhkov disclosed last week.

The ministers for the oil and gas industries, Vasili Dinkov and Viktor Chernomyrdin, both lost their posts.

Gennady Bogomyakov, a Communist Party leader in the gas and oil-producing region of Tyumen, will head a new, merged ministry.

The Soviet Union is the world's largest producer of crude oil and natural gas. Its oil output fell short of its target by more than 700,000 tonnes in the first three months of the year, according to official figures.

The Minister of Power and

Electricification, Anatoly Mayorets, was dropped in favour of Yuri Semynov, a senior official in the government's

fuel and energy section. The head of the State Construction Committee, a key post in a country with acute housing shortages, also changed hands, with Valery Serov taking over from Yuri Batalin, who also lost his position as a Deputy Prime Minister.

Ryzhkov last week announced the promotion of key economic adviser Leonid Abalkin to Deputy Prime Minister and dropped Finance Minister Boris Gostev.

According to Kurtshin's list of new and reappointed ministers, many prominent figures remain in place, including Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, Defence Minister Dmitry Yazov and Interior Minister Vadim Bakatin.

Defence Industry Minister Pavel Finogenov gives way to his deputy Stanislav Chernov as does machine building minister Vyacheslav Bakhtinov, succeeded by Oleg Shishkin.

Justice Minister Boris Kravtsov lost his position amid criticism of the drafting of decrees and laws. He was replaced by Veniamin Yakovlev, head of a government legal and construction institute.

## \$4.3 billion aid package for Indonesia

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, June 16, (AP): Industrial nations and non-governmental organisations Wednesday approved a \$4.3-billion annual aid package for Indonesia, but pressed for further economic reform to guarantee stable growth in the Southeast Asian nation.

Total aid pledges by 15 nations including the Netherlands, the United States, and Japan exceeded last year's \$4-billion package. Japan pledged the largest single amount — \$1.46 billion, while the United States pledged \$90 million.

The increase reflected "the donor nations' confidence in our economic policies and management," said Saleh Affif, Indonesia's minister of state for Planning of national development and the head of this nation's delegation to this year's donor nation conference here.

It was the 32nd annual session of the Inter-Governmental Group on Indonesia (IGGI), an organisation chaired by the Netherlands, Indonesia's former colonizer. Prominent non-governmental IGGI members are the World Bank and the European Economic Community (EEC).

Of the amount pledged this year, about \$250 million will be in grants, while the remainder consists of loans at interest rates ranging from 2 to 7 per cent, said Affif. He added that most of the aid was not tied to any specific projects.

Affif said that his country's burgeoning foreign debt had stabilized last year at about \$50 billion.

## Asian companies move into US oil exploration

'Political risk is significantly less'

LOS ANGELES, June 16, (Reuters): Drawn by a stable political climate, companies from energy-hungry Asian nations are establishing a foothold in US oil exploration, providing money that might not otherwise be available.

"This is the safest place to find oil," said Fereidun Fesharaki of Honolulu-based East-West Energy. "The United States is the only place that if you find oil you know it's yours."

"The political risk is significantly less than elsewhere," said Frank Gorham, manager of a Phillips Petroleum exploration venture with Taiwan's Overseas Petroleum and Investment Corp. and South Korea's Hyundai Corp.

The Phillips-led venture, signed in April, plans to spend about \$100 million over the next three years looking for oil in the rocky mountains, Oklahoma, Texas, along the Gulf of Mexico coast and in California.

For Asian nations, heavily dependent on imported oil, US exploration ventures offer enhanced energy security, industry sources said.

"We have experienced two oil crises in the past, and Japan especially needs a stable oil supply," said Eiji Kotani, manager of administration for Nippon Oil Co in Denver.

While US law bars most exports of crude oil from domestic fields, the companies can exchange their share of production for oil from other parts of the world.

"You can't take the oil out of the US but you can always swap it for something," Fesharaki noted.

For example, an American oil company could buy oil from a US field in which a South Korean company has an interest and in turn sell the South Korean company oil from a field in a third country.

In addition, the Asian companies often benefit from low cost financing or subsidies from their governments for the joint ventures, sources said.

"In the case of the Japanese, they will get subsidised by the Japan National Oil Corp for the investments in the US," Fesharaki said.

For US companies, ventures with Asian firms provide the capital to speed up exploration programmes on expiring leases and fund the search for oil and gas on prospects that might not otherwise be drilled, experts said.

"This programme allows us, simplistically, to drill twice as many wells as we could otherwise," Gorham said. "The more wells you can drill, the better your chances of success."

Besides Phillips, Amoco Corp, Chevron Corp and Texaco Inc have

conducted joint drilling ventures with Japanese and Korean firms. Under such ventures Asian firms make a cash investment in exchange for a share of any oil or gas eventually produced.

Japan's Nippon Oil has been at the forefront of Asian investment in

American oil exploration, industry sources said.

During the past three years Nippon has agreed to invest a total of \$200 million in two joint exploration ventures with Texaco in the lower 48 US states, Texaco said.

## Brazil abandons recovery plan

National treasury bond introduced

SAO PAULO, June 16, (Reuters): The Brazilian government reinstated indexation of the economy and daily currency devaluation yesterday, thus bowing to inflation and ending a recovery plan launched in January.

"We lost the battle against our expectations," Finance Minister Mailson Nobrega said, referring to the failure of the so-called summer plan to cut inflation.

Nobrega introduced a new monetary correction instrument, the national treasury bond (BTN), which will index financial operations daily in accordance with inflation. The BTN is a new version of the Obligation of the National Treasury (ONT), which was abolished under the recovery plan in January.

Daily mini-devaluations of the new cruzado against the dollar have also been re-introduced to ensure the exchange rate reflects price hikes.

On January 15, President Jose Sarney launched the summer plan, freezing prices and wages and creating a new cruzado currency which was set at par with the dollar.

A central aim of the new package was to break away from a 25-year-old Brazilian tradition of monetary correction — indexation of the economy according to past inflation.

It was the third time that Sarney's four-year-old administration launched an anti-inflation plan. The two previous attempts in 1986 and 1987 failed and last year prices shot up a record 934 per cent.

Analysts said the measures show that the government has accepted its last-ditch effort failed and that it has resigned itself to living with high inflation.

"The re-introduction of indexation signals the official sinking of the summer plan," said Antonio Carlos Godoy.

Finance Ministry spokeswoman Rosa Dalcim told Reuters: "The measures are not designed to bring down inflation but to stabilise it at a level the economy can stand."

In early March Sarney lauded the summer plan, saying it had won its first round to beat "cruel inflation." February inflation was down to 3.60 per cent against 28.79 per cent in December.

But prices crept up monthly with inflation in March at 6.09 per cent, in April at 7.31 per cent and in May at 9.94 per cent.

Government officials are predicting 20 per cent inflation in June and this week Sarney said in a television interview that the summer plan's only achievement had been avoiding hyperinflation.

Leading Brazilian economists say the threat of hyperinflation still remains.

"There are two alternatives, inflation stabilising at 20 per cent a month or hyperinflation," said economist Edmar Bacha.

Newspapers reported that the Brazilian government was studying a plan to avoid another price explosion.

O Jornal Do Brasil newspaper said that among the possible measures was an increase in interest rates to prompt savings and keep investors from cashing in their cruzados for dollars, gold and other real assets such as real estate.

Brazilians are observing with unease the economic chaos in neighbouring Argentina which led last month to a wave of bloody riots in which 15 people died and hundreds were injured.

Economists there have said the gaping public sector deficit is the prime cause of Argentina's hyperinflation which pushed living costs up a record 78.5 per cent in May.

Exports rise

## US trade deficit narrows

WASHINGTON, June 16, (Reuters): The US trade deficit narrowed for a second straight month in April, dropping 13.4 per cent to \$8.26 billion from a revised 9.54 billion in March, the government said yesterday.

In the report, the Commerce Department said exports rose 0.8 per cent to a record \$30.37 billion in April, while imports dropped 2.6 per cent to \$38.64 billion.

Shipments of raw materials like coal and cotton, as well as industrial machinery and consumer goods, boosted exports for the second month in a row.

At the same time, America's appetite for foreign cars, machines, foods and beverages fell during April, leading to the first decline in imports since January.

The improved April trade deficit followed a large upward revision in the March shortfall that reflected updated customs data. Previously, the department said the March deficit was \$8.86 billion.

In the first four months of 1989 the trade deficit fell to a seasonally adjusted \$36.31 billion from 41.54 billion in the same period a year earlier, the department said.

"The report was pretty much in line with market expectations," said private economist Geoffrey Dennis. But he described the trade gains as less than

dramatic and said there are signs the deficit could widen again later this year.

Already, economists and government officials are warning that the dollar's recent rise will boost prices on American exports and lower the price of imports, hampering further improvement in the trade picture.

"The recent strength of the dollar leads us to be concerned about the economy's ability to sustain the excellent trends seen so far," Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher said in a statement after the trade figures were released.

"We think the dollar will cause the trade deficit to worsen by the fourth quarter," Dennis said. "Exports will start to soften and imports will pick up."

The smaller April trade deficit lifted the dollar until profit-taking and central bank selling drove it lower on the New York foreign exchange market.

Economists said Americans were spending less on foreign goods, reflecting modest US economic growth and overall declines in consumer spending. They said this accounted for the decline in April imports.

The Bush administration remains concerned about the trade shortfall and recently iden-

tified three countries, including Japan, as unfair traders.

The soaring yen has cut the US trade deficit with Japan, but it is still the largest of any single nation. The Commerce Department said the deficit with Japan amounted to \$3.89 billion in April compared with 4.22 billion in March.

A rise in the price of oil has also hampered progress on the trade front, since the United States imports roughly 44 per cent of the oil it consumes. America's oil import bill rose to \$4.05 billion in April from 3.69 billion in March.

Although the volume of oil imports fell 1.6 per cent in April, the price per barrel shot up to \$17.83 from \$15.97 in March, reflecting the renewed market strength of oil producers in the Middle East.

Exports of manufactured goods fell to \$23.78 billion in April from 25.09 billion in March as shipments of computers, office machinery, steel mill products and airplanes declined.

But a sharp drop in imports of cars, electrical equipment, clothing and diamonds pared the import bill of manufactured goods to \$30.30 billion from 32.26 billion.

Farm exports fell to \$3.42 billion in April from 4.04 billion in March.

## Developing nations meet to chart ways to end poverty

WASHINGTON, June 16, (Reuters): Senior ministers of the Group of 77 developing nations meet in Venezuela on Monday to press the industrial world to do more to help reduce their crippling debts and to improve their low living standards.

Conference organisers say the group is expected to adopt a statement saying Third World countries had taken painful steps to reform their economies but actions of the industrialised world had severely held back progress.

An official of Venezuela, active in the group — named for the number of its members when founded in 1964 — said some developed nations were living beyond their means, "frequently at the expense of the economies of the developing nations."

He said the old world economic order no longer worked, citing "the payment of foreign debt of nations in development, commercial protectionism and monetary instability."

One US official said the policies of the United States in particular were likely to come under fire from more than 120 nations attending the June 19-23 meeting in Caracas.

"There will be direct or indirect attacks on US trade actions," he said.

The group of 77 accusations would be aimed at the tough 1988 US trade act which mandates retaliation against nations Washington labels "unfair traders," the US official said.

Brazil, India and Japan were last month labelled unfair traders, risking a 100 per cent tariff on their exports to the United States if they do not change their trade practices.

About 20 other developing nations were put in a special "watch list" because of lax laws prohibiting the piracy of intellectual property such as patents and copyrights.

US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady has proposed a plan to reduce the Third World's debt burden by pooling money from the bank and the International Monetary Fund to guarantee interest payments of debtor nations.



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Twenty years old and still on top

# Supergroup Queen still reigns supreme

By Judy Byrne

IF you go to Queen singer Freddie Mercury's home for a meal, try not to break anything. Just one tea cup could set him back \$2,000.

Freddie has celebrated a new single and comeback album by taking part in a fabulous dinner service fit for a Queen. The 144 pieces, all hand-painted with a miniature copies of Constable pictures, cost him an equally fabulous \$25,000.

The single is aptly named *Hot Space* and is Queen's 32nd. The album, *The Miracle*, is the group's 10th and the first studio album since *A Kind of Magic* in 1986. But Freddie is not home fretting about how high they might rise in the charts.

The delicate dinner service took a year to complete so the dynamic singer that he could not wait to learn to make one himself.

So the confessed bisexual, who owns £20,000 worth of Dresden china dolls, is now taking lessons in porcelain painting in Geneva. Freddie, so rich he need never work again, is not your average good-time pop star and wrecker of hotel rooms. Nor is Queen your average group.

It was formed back in 1970 by Mercury, guitarist Brian May, drummer Roger Taylor. They called themselves Smile at first. Bassist John Deacon joined 15 years later.

Queen are the most intellectual group in the business. Taylor studied dentistry but switched to biology. May has his degree in physics and Deacon's is in electronics. And all three got their first-class. Freddie himself has a diploma in art and design.

Nearly two decades on, their appeal has not faded. A survey done by student radio stations last year found that Queen's 1975 hit single, *Bohemian Rhapsody*, which stayed 17 weeks in the British charts, is still the students' all-time favourite No. 1. The industry's own awards made it the best single of the past 25 years.

Such timelessness is rare in the throw-away world of pop. Queen have sold 80 million albums and appeared live before six million



**Torn apart by internal squabbles, the supergroup was given a new lease of life by the Live Aid concert. Now they're back with a vengeance delighting millions of fans with a new single and album.**

people. But if their music has not dated, the group nearly cracked under three years ago under the strain of years of touring together.

Live Aid, the pop charity launched by Bob Geldof to save the Third World's starving masses, saved Queen too.

Much of the backstage angst was between Roger and Brian. Roger admitted: "We just wanted to get away from each other. We've both got big egos — we both think we know what's best for Queen."

"Whenever we have band meeting, it's like world war three. We had been living in each other's pockets for months and I had

frequently argued with May over everything. Our act had become jaded and stale. We were all determined to get away from Queen for a long time."

But the call from Geldof changed everything. Their 20-minute performance at the Wembley mega-concert was electrifying. "Live Aid was a fantastic tonic for us," said Roger.

After a sell-out European tour, though, the four did more

work apart than together over the next couple of years. Freddie made a rock opera album, *Barcelona*, with soprano Montserrat Cabellé. Brian May worked with spoof heavy metal band Bad News. John Deacon wrote a film score and songs for other bands.

And Roger Taylor formed a new band, The Cross, and went back on the road. "Forget private jets," he said. "I want to get back on the bus. I want to be

young again. Forgive me if I sound ungrateful but I'm a bit bored with it all now."

What he calls "it all" included a Bentley, three luxury homes, vintage champagne, jets, girls, you name it. "I've hired a drummer, Joss MacRae, and did vocals himself. It's a lot less exhausting than drumming for two hours," he said.

It was all perfectly amicable. Mercury even did backing vocals on one of the tracks for The Cross' first album.

But if Taylor had felt the need for change in his professional life, he was taken by surprise by the upheaval that was to overturn his private life — in the form of the shapely Debbie Lang.

Freddie Mercury, who keeps a piano where other people keep their bedside table, says he has been unlucky in love. The star whose stage act has always had such passion and dazzle says: "I've tried relationships on either side — male and female. But all of them have gone wrong. I'm not a good catalyst."

He admits AIDS has changed him. He had a test after losing several friends and one old lover and was given the all-clear. He says: "I think anyone who's been promiscuous should have a test."

Freddie has also changed his lifestyle. He says: "I thought sex was a very important thing to me. Now I've just gone completely the other way. It has changed my life. I have stopped going out. I have almost become a nun."

He has a group of close friends. Quiet dinner parties now figure more prominently in his social life than discos. "Making a lot of money is an evil thing," he says. "It attracts all kinds of wrong people. Life becomes a survival test because what do you do? You can't suddenly say, take all my money away but I still want to be successful."

"But if someone said, 'Choose your money or your musical credibility, I'd choose music and start again.'"

Mercury is generous with his friends. For his 41st birthday two years ago, he hired a DC9 and flew 18 of them to Ibiza where he took over an exclusive hotel.

His birthday party — with flamenco dancers, fireworks flashing his name in lights and a cake 20 ft long carried in by six men dressed in gold and white — was as spectacularly produced as a Queen concert.

"I love spending my money on friends," he says. "Unlike some people in this business, I'm not afraid of my money."

## Midler holds top spot on US charts

NEW YORK, (AP) Bette Midler held firm to the top of the pop singles record charts in the United States with her hit *Wind Beneath My Wings*. The Midler disc was number one for the second week in a row on the Cash Box magazine chart. *Every Little Step* by Bobby Brown jumped up four notches to second position, while *Satisfaction* by Richard Marx hopped from fifth to third.

Last week's number two hit, Donny Osmond's *Soldier of Love*, toppled to eighth. *Rock On* by Damian, moved down from third to seventh.

The week's only newcomer to the top 10 list was *Baby Don't Forget My Number* by Milli Vanilli, up from 16th to 10th.

Rosanne Cash took over the top of the Cash Box magazine country-and-western singles chart with *I Don't Want to Spoil the Party*. The Desert Rose Band's *She Don't Love Nobody* was second, and Steve Wariner's *Where Did I Go Wrong* was third.

### Top Ten US

- The top 10 singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:
- (1) *Wind Beneath My Wings* — Bette Midler (Atlantic).
  - (6) *Every Little Step* — Bobby Brown (MCA).
  - (5) *Satisfaction* — Richard Marx (EMI).
  - (10) *Buffalo Stance* — Neneh Cherry (Virgin).
  - (7) *I'll Be Loving You (Forever)* — New Kids On The Block (Columbia).
  - (9) *Good Thing* — Fine Young Cannibals (I.R.S.).
  - (3) *Rock On* — Michael Damian (Cypress).
  - (2) *Soldier of Love* — Donny Osmond (Capitol).
  - (4) *Patience* — Guns n' Roses (Geffen).
  - (16) *Baby Don't Forget My Number* — Milli Vanilli (Arista).

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's position in brackets:

- (3) *I Don't Want to Spoil the Party* — Rosanne Cash (Columbia).
- (1) *She Don't Love Nobody* — The Desert Rose Band (MCA-Curb).
- (2) *Where Did I Go Wrong* — Steve Wariner (MCA).
- (11) *Call On Me* — Tanya Tucker (Capitol).
- (6) *Better Man* — Clint Black (RCA).
- (13) *Beyond Those Years* — The Oak Ridge Boys (MCA).
- (7) *Love Out Loud* — East Thomas Conley (RCA).
- (8) *They Rave On* — Dan Seals (Capitol).
- (14) *Sowin' Love* — Paul Overstreet (RCA).
- (15) *Lovin' Only Me* — Ricky Skaggs (EPIC).

### Top Ten UK

And in London, *Sealed With A Kiss* by Australia's Jason Donovan stayed on top of the British pop singles chart for the second week in a row.

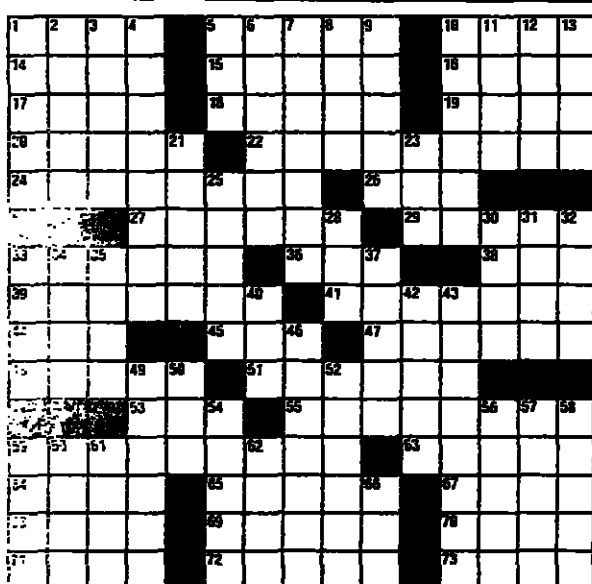
*Back To Life* by Soul II Soul and Caron Wheeler moved up one notch to No. 2 followed by Cliff Richard's *The Best of Me* at No. 3.

New songs in the top 10 this week are *Right Back Where We Started From* by Sinitta at No. 4, up from 13th place; *Song For Whoever* by Beautiful South at No. 7, up from 19th; and *Just Keep Rockin'* by Double Trouble and *The Rebel MC* in 10th place, up from 18th.

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd, the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

- (1) *Sealed With A Kiss* — Jason Donovan (PWL).
- (3) *Back To Life* — Soul II Soul-Caron Wheeler (10 Records).
- (4) *The Best of Me* — Cliff Richard (EMI).
- (13) *Right Back Where We Started From* — Sinitta (Fanfare).
- (6) *Express Yourself* — Madonna (Sire).
- (8) *Sweet Child O' Mine* — Guns n' Roses (Geffen).
- (19) *Song For Whoever* — Beautiful South (Go).
- (2) *Miss You Like Crazy* — Natalie Cole (EMI, USA).
- (5) *Manchild* — Neneh Cherry (Circa).
- (18) *Just Keep Rockin'* — Double Trouble and The Rebel MC (Desire).

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**  
1 Start of a fairy tale  
5 Stares  
7 Telephone's cousin, for short  
10 Head of a hammer  
11 Usually as

**DOWN**  
1 Mod paintings  
2 More modern  
3 Bass violin  
4 Performing group  
5 Fuel  
6 Capital of Greece  
7 Guard  
8 Uncanny  
9 Appears  
10 Amati, for example  
11 Container attached to an obi  
12 Boast  
13 Slippery  
21 Square-headed fastener  
23 Mine producer

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**  
SILAB SERUM PITS  
PALLO ENATE SLOIE  
ATMYBECKANDCALL  
TEA EIRE RATELL  
ZANE SOONERS  
HOPING DIDNT  
IRON SADIIE ASK  
DANCEATTENDANCE  
END SIREO JOAN  
SCROD SLANTS  
RECLASP GEAR  
ALOOP URNS LOO  
PUPEETONASTRING  
IDEE ALICE AVER  
DEIS METIED MERE

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

**Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
♠A5 ♥72 ♦A87 ♣J109542  
Partner opens the bidding with a demand bid of two spades. What do you respond?

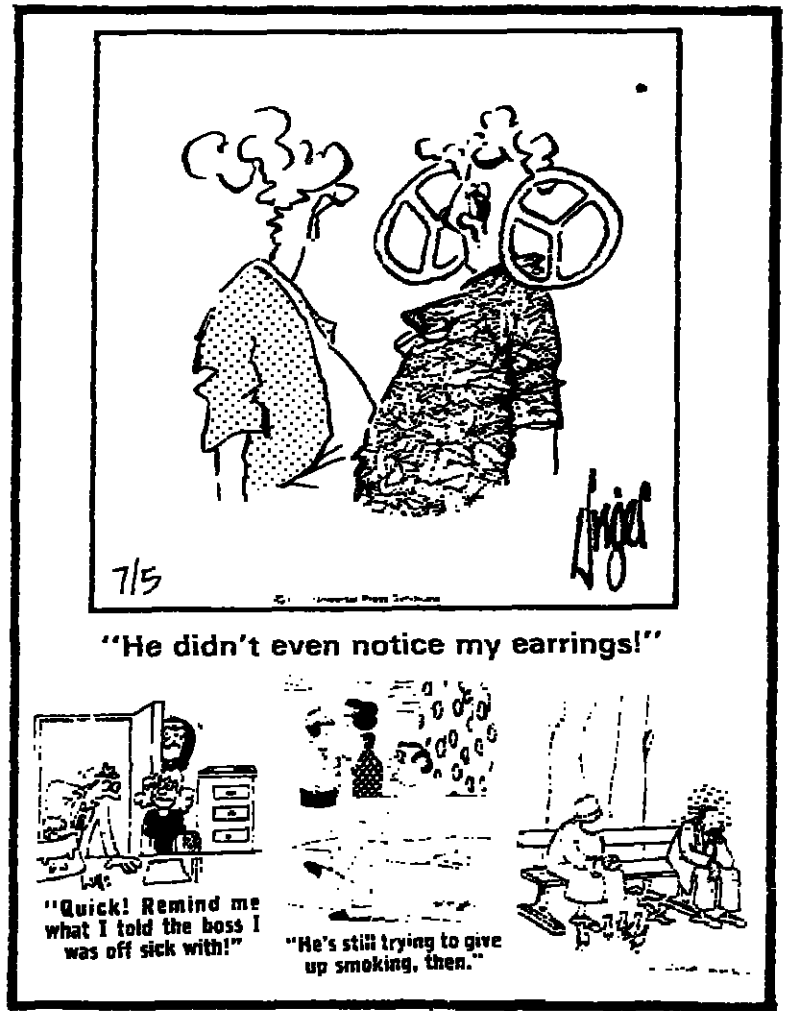
**Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
♠Q7632 ♥AK1076 ♦7 ♣83  
Your right-hand opponent opens one club. What action do you take?

**Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
♠KJ762 ♥5 ♦AJ82 ♣J105  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♣ Pass  
3 ♣ Pass ?  
What action do you take?

**Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
♠A8 ♥762 ♦J103 ♣KQ652  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ 2 ♣ ?  
What action do you take?

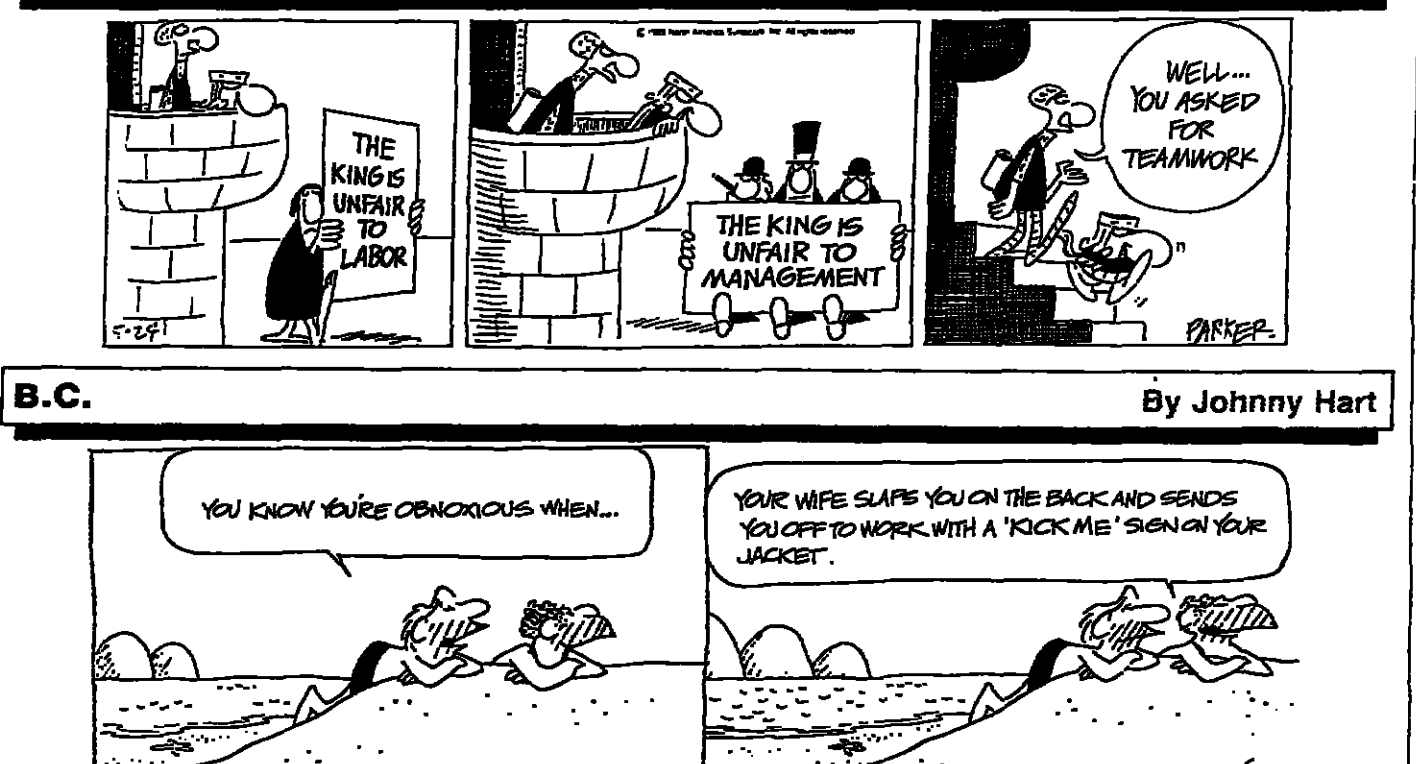
**Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
♠A8 ♥762 ♦J103 ♣KQ652  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ 2 ♣ ?  
What do you bid now?

**Q.6—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:**  
♠J ♥AJ3 ♦AQ964 ♣A987  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass  
2 ♣ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?



## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

<p><b>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</b> The influence of the Moon and of Mars will help you to keep things in their proper perspective. You must not take any risks with your health. Your lucky numbers are 17 and 22. Take special care when crossing a road. Be courageous.</p>	<p><b>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</b> Venus' influence will not be favorable and you will tend to be on edge. Do not leave some travel plans until the last minute. Take other people's opinions duly into account. Be considerate.</p>	<p><b>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)</b> Mars' better influence will help you to achieve some personal success. There will be some good luck in the sense that something bad that could have happened will not happen. You will have to resist temptation and avoid distractions. Be generous.</p>	<p><b>Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)</b> Do not expect all things your own way, but do be grateful for what you have. You will be able to make good progress at work. Make sure you do not leave any doors or windows open. Be bold.</p>
<p><b>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</b> You will be short of time so do not waste any of it. Remember that a number of small expenses are the same as one large one. Do not suppress your affections. Instead express them. Be consistent.</p>	<p><b>Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)</b> The Moon's more favorable influence will help you to take advantage of a good opportunity. You will have to concentrate hard if you want to achieve your aims. Try to adopt a more steady working rhythm. Be hopeful.</p>	<p><b>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)</b> Mars' less favorable influence will tend to make you more impatient and irascible. You should not try to do too many things all at once. Try not to become too emotionally involved in a relatively minor issue.</p>	<p><b>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)</b> You will have lots to do, but there is one thing that has to be done now, or it will be too late. You should make sure you do not get in anyone's way. Losing your temper will not do anything to improve matters, so don't. Be responsive.</p>
<p><b>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</b> Mars' less favorable influence will tend to make you more restless. Do not allow others to seize the initiative from you. Avoid leaving letters unanswered. Do not allow your resentments to cloud your judgement. Be tolerant.</p>	<p><b>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</b> You will tire more easily and feel rather irritable, so try to stay away from controversy. Also do what should not be delayed first of all. Make sure you take note of some advice, it is good. Be sincere.</p>	<p><b>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</b> The Moon's better influence will help you to assert yourself. You should have a little more confidence in yourself. Do not allow anything to disturb your peace of mind. Be prudent.</p>	<p><b>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</b> Some small matter will take up more time than you expected. You should avoid exaggerations and you should not act on impulse or a hunch. Have a little more faith in yourself. Be magnanimous.</p>











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## SPORTS

## ARAB CUP

RABAT, June 16, (Reuters): Morocco will host the finals of the Arab Cup in October. The Royal Moroccan Football Federation said on Wednesday. It said the final phases of the soccer contest would be played in the Marrakesh and Casablanca between October 8 and 23. Preliminary rounds start next month.

## Final highlight

GENEVA, June 16, (AP): Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, the former West German soccer international, capped a 15-year professional career with a final highlight — the top goalscorer's title in the Swiss First Division. Rummenigge, his feared shot and keen eye still intact, tallied 24 goals in an otherwise ruined season for Servette Geneva that ended Wednesday night. He opened the score with a free kick in a closing 4-2 win over Bellinzona.

## Yugoslavs win

OSLO, June 16, (Reuters): Goals in each half from Dragan Stokjovic and Zlatko Vujovic enabled Yugoslavia to cruise towards next year's World Cup finals on Wednesday as they beat Norway 2-1. In a largely one-sided European qualifying Group Five tie, Norway were unable to make any impression until the closing minutes when Jan Aage Fjortoft headed a consolation reply.

## Cup qualifier

REYKJAVIK, July 16, (Reuters): Iceland squandered a string of good chances and had to settle for a scoreless draw against Austria on Wednesday in a World Cup qualifying match. The result did little to resolve the question of which team in a weak qualifying Group Three will join probable winners the Soviet Union in next year's finals in Italy.

## World Cup

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 16, (Reuters): The leading candidate in Brazil's presidential elections is backing a policy close to the electorate's heart — he wants the 1998 World Cup here. Fernando Collor de Mello, currently topping opinion polls with more votes than all the other candidates put together, told a news conference he wanted to bring the championship to Brazil.

## Spanish Cup

MADRID, June 16, (Reuters): Result of Spanish Soccer Cup semifinal, second leg match played on Wednesday night: Real Valladolid 2 Deportivo Coruna 0 (after extra time, full time 1-0). Valladolid win 2-1 on aggregate.

## Italian soccer

MILAN, Italy, June 16, (Reuters): Italian League champions AC Milan beat domestic Cup holders Sampdoria 3-1 (halftime 1-1) in the New Italian Soccer League Supercup on Wednesday.

## Youths detained

BUDAPEST, Hungary, June 16, (AP): Police detained eight youths for questioning after angry fans clashed with the forces of order and damaged subway cars following a soccer cup final, the official MTI news agency reported yesterday.

## United players

MANCHESTER, England, June 16, (AP): Manchester United, one of Europe's most famous soccer teams, but unable for 22 years to win the English League championship, yesterday paid a total of £2 million (\$2.9 million) for midfielders Neil Webb and Mike Phelan.

## Polish coach

WARSAW, June 16, (Reuters): Wojciech Lazarek, who saw his side beaten 3-0 by England in a World Cup soccer qualifier earlier this month, quit as Polish national coach yesterday. Polish FA President Jerzy Domanski, who accepted Lazarek's resignation, said new faces were needed to carry out "deep changes" to the national game.

## Patrese and Boutsen eager for Canadian GP

Prost delays decision on future

MONTREAL, June 16, (Reuters): McLaren's domination of the Formula One motor racing championship has failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the Williams team whose drivers Riccardo Patrese and Thierry Boutsen are eagerly awaiting Sunday's Canadian Grand Prix.

If there is a car that can end McLaren's run of four victories, Williams may be the one. Patrese, the Italian veteran of 181 Grands Prix, is in particularly good form after finishing second in the last two races in Mexico City on May 28 and the US Grand Prix in Phoenix on June 4.

"Montreal is one of the best circuits in Formula One because it has every kind of corner," Boutsen said of the 4.39-km circuit Gilles Villeneuve.

"I think we should have quite a competitive car here because ours is good at changing directions," added the Belgian, who joined the Williams team this year after a successful season driving for Benetton.

With Boutsen finishing sixth in Phoenix, Williams were the only team to have two cars running at the end and they are now second in the constructors' standings, albeit with 16 points to McLaren's 56.

The recent display of reliability by the Renault-powered cars has left Williams confident they will improve on last year's Canada results when Patrese and Briton Nigel Mansell both retired with engine failure.

## Johnson had steroid know-how, says thrower

TORONTO, June 16, (Reuters): Sprinter Ben Johnson may have known more about anabolic steroids than he has revealed, a former discus thrower told a government inquiry yesterday.

Rob Gray said that in early 1986 he saw Johnson prepare his own injection of the banned performance-enhancing drugs.

"He mixed it together, he pushed a little bit out of the tip of the needle to make sure there was no bubbles, and then handed it to me and I administered it to him," Gray said.

Gray, who still holds the Canadian and Commonwealth records in the discus throw, was suspended for life from Canada's national team after testing

positive for anabolic steroids in 1986. He is now a lawyer in Toronto.

Johnson, who was stripped of his 100 metres gold medal at the Seoul Olympics after testing positive for the steroid stanozolol, admitted earlier this week to the inquiry that he took steroids since 1981 and knew what they were since 1983.

Johnson, however, said he knew nothing about administering steroids, leaving that to his handlers Francis and Astaphan.

"He definitely knew what he was doing," Gray said. "I remember joking with him, saying 'Ben, you do everything else, why don't you learn to give yourself a shot?'"

He told the inquiry into drug use in amateur sports that he had been using the muscle-building drugs since the late 1970s.

Gray, who said he had known Johnson since the late 1970s, contradicted the sprinter's testimony that he knew nothing of the side effects of steroids including damage to liver, kidneys and cardiovascular system, and shrinkage of testicles.

## Langer, Stewart and Blake share lead

Nicklaus one shot off pace at US Open

ROCHESTER, N.Y., June 16, (Reuters): Bernhard Langer, Payne Stewart and Jay Don Blake led an assault on par at the usually tough Oak Hill Country Club yesterday to share the early first-round lead at the US Open golf championship.

The trio covered the 6,902-year, par-70 east course, whose usually fast greens have been softened by recent rains, in sparkling rounds of four-under-par 66.

Tied for fourth place one stroke back were four-time Open champion Jack Nicklaus, 1987 winner Scott Simpson, 1989 money-leader Tom Kite and Joey Sindelar.

Hubert Green, the 1977 Open champion, Jay Haas, Steve Jones and newcomer Emlyn Aubrey also joined in the birdie parade and stood at one-under 69.

Heavy rains drenched the course in the days before the opening round but the ominous gray skies yielded only an occasional drizzle yesterday and conditions were ripe for low scoring on the normally testing, tree-lined layout.

Softened greens held approach shots and made for easier putting, and many of the early starters took good advantage.

"The greens are playing a little bit easier than if they were hard and dry," said Langer, who showed no signs of the putting woes that have plagued him in the past. "You can go for the holes."

Stewart playing in his trademark plus fours, said the course condition had changed dramatically since the weekend. "With the greens holding the way they are, it's like playing



Australian Greg Norman uses body English as he attempts to guide the ball into the cup in the first round of the US Open. (Reuters wirephoto)

darts out there. I played here Sunday and it was like putting on top of a table," he said.

Blake and Stewart both birdied the 18th to grab a share of the lead with Langer, the 1985 Masters champion who had a rollercoaster round including eight birdies and four bogeys.

Langer was bogey-free over the front nine reached the turn four-under, but after that juggled birdies and bogeys.

He bogged 10, birdied 11 and then bogged 12 and 13. The fair-haired West German recovered with three successive birdies

before pulling back to the field with one last bogey at 18.

Langer, who five-putted from 10 feet in last year's British Open, has been plagued by putting problems and has experimented with a variety of grips and stances. He has settled on an overlapping right-hand while putting.

"I came up with the idea of holding the shaft against my forearm... it's more of a pendulum stroke. It takes the wrists and hands out of it," said Langer, who this year has won the Spanish Open.

"He putted fantastic," said



Stewart taps down on a soggy green as he prepares to putt. (Reuters wirephoto)

Simpson, who played with Langer. "It was one of the best putting rounds I've seen. He made some long, long putts out there. So his problems are definitely a

thing of the past."

Nicklaus, 49, showed he still had a feel for the course on which he won the 1980 PGA championship and finished runner-up to

Lee Trevino in the 1986 Open.

The 49-year-old Nicklaus, playing in his 33rd Open, started with a bogey but brought himself up to one-under by the turn. Birdies at the 10th and 13th holes put him in a tie with Simpson, who played in the same group as Langer.

"To play a good round in the US Open is a lot of fun for me. It shows I can still play a little bit at times," said Nicklaus, winner of 18 major professional titles.

Asked if he was still hungry for victory after all his triumphs, Nicklaus said: "I'm either gullible enough or dumb enough to believe I can keep doing what I did today and have fun for three more days."

After a one-over-par front nine on the rain-softened east course, Aubrey birdied the 10th, 11th, 13th and 15th holes to go three-under. But he double bogged the 17th for "my only real blunder of the day."

Masters champion Nick Faldo of England was in a group at 68 that included former US Open winners Ray Floyd and Larry Nelson.

Defending champion Curtis Strange birdied his last hole to escape with a 71.

Spain's Seve Ballesteros, PGA champion Jeff Sluman and Trevino were not so fortunate.

Trevino, returning to the site of his first professional triumph, shot 74. Sluman, a Rochester resident on the rebound from recent surgery, took a 75.

Ballesteros, who holds the British Open title, scowled and frowned his way to a 5-over-par round.

Tom Watson was another stroke higher at 76. Sandy Lyle, a former Masters and British Open winner, struggled to a 78.

## Danes hammer six past Swedes

COPENHAGEN, June 16, (Reuters): Sparkling Denmark continued their improved form on Wednesday when they hammered Sweden 6-0 in the opening match of a triangular tournament to celebrate the Danish Football Union's centenary year.

Goals by Flemming Povlsen, Lars Elstrup (2), Henrik Andersen, Jan Bartram and Michael Laudrup swept Denmark, who beat Greece 7-1 in a World Cup qualifier last month, to another convincing victory.

After a slow start, the Danes carved through the Swedish defence to turn the match into a fitting celebration of their centenary. Brazil are the third team in the tournament. Povlsen opened the scoring in the 30th

minute when his header hit the bar and he converted the rebound.

Midfielder Glenn Stroemberg prompted Robert Prytz and Mats Magnusson as Sweden went in search of a reply, but the Danish defence held firm and Denmark went further ahead in the 42nd minute.

Defender Risom beat Sweden's Dennis Schiller on the right, drew the goalkeeper and gave Lars Elstrup an easy opening.

Denmark took total command in the second half with their accurate passing in midfield and lightning attacks by Elstrup, Laudrup and, until his substitution, Povlsen.

Andersen added the third after 66 minutes when he took a pass

from Laudrup and went on a solo run to score and Laudrup set up the fourth six minutes later when he dribbled through to supply an easy chance for Bartram.

Elstrup headed his eighth goal in 11 internationals after 73 minutes and Laudrup completed the rout in the 79th minute with a close-range shot.

Tomorrow Brazil meet Sweden in their first game. "The Swedes obviously didn't play well on Wednesday. It was an accident, I think Sweden can play much better than they did although I don't know much about Swedish soccer," said Lazaroni

after the Brazilians completed their first training session yesterday at the Valby soccer stadium.

Brazil, undefeated in five friendlies this season, will be

looking for its first win over Sweden since 1966. Then, Brazil prevailed 3-2 in an exhibition at Goteborg, Sweden.

Seven years later, Sweden edged Brazil 1-0 in Stockholm. They drew their last three games, 1-1 in a World Cup opening round game at Mar Del Plata, Argentina, in 1978, 3-3 in Goteborg in 1983 and 1-1 in Stockholm last year when both teams played their Olympic teams.

Brazil earlier this year beat Ecuador (1-0), Paraguay (2-0) and Peru (4-1) at home and then drew Peru (1-1) in Lima before beating Portugal.

After the Danish centenary tournament, Brazil is scheduled to play Switzerland in Bern on June 21.

## Fittipaldi gets advice

DETROIT, June 16, (AP): Indianapolis 500 winner Emerson Fittipaldi got a warning about the Detroit Grand Prix from fellow Brazilian Ayrton Senna, the defending Formula One champion.

"He warned me it is a very physical, demanding track," Fittipaldi said yesterday as preparations were being completed for this weekend's first Indy-car race through the streets of downtown Detroit.

Senna "won here three times in Formula One and he says to win here is tough," Fittipaldi said. "Ayrton said it was the worst track in Grand Prix for physical difficulty — worse than Long Beach, worse than Montreal, worse than Monaco."

Formula One raced in Detroit from 1981 through last year, but the CART-PFG Indy-car series took over the event after negotiations between FISA, the Formula One sanctioning body, and the Detroit promoters broke down.

Fittipaldi had not yet driven the slightly altered 2.5-mile, 17-turn circuit winding around the highrise steel and glass towers of the Renaissance Centre on the banks of the Detroit River.

But he did jog around it yesterday morning.

"I think it's a very nice track," the two-time Formula One champion said. "I love the track to drive. It's very challenging. There are a lot of places to overtake, there is one fast corner and another that is downhill."

"And the fact that they have taken out the chicane on the front straightaway makes the track better, more dynamic."

Fittipaldi still is basking in the glow of his Indianapolis victory on May 28, although a crash after a collision with rookie Bernard Jourdain of Mexico on June 4 in Milwaukee deflated him a bit.

## Karpov holds Short to draw in adjourned game

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, June 16, (AP): Former world champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union escaped with a lucky draw against British grandmaster Nigel Short in their game held over from the ninth round in the fifth world chess tournament yesterday.

With the draw, Karpov maintained a lead in the standings.

The outcome caused a sensation among grandmasters watching the duel on their day off from regular tournament play, as Karpov was an exchange down for a pawn in a seemingly hopeless position when the encounter was adjourned after a 60-move struggle from a queen's gambit on Tuesday.

"Unbelievable," shouted Yugoslav grandmaster Ljubomir Ljubomir as he watched the drama unfold on a monitor in the press room adjoining the tournament hall. "Karpov has a thousand lives."

Only moments before, the Yugoslav had demonstrated to his fellow grandmasters that there was "no way Short could possibly miss this obvious victory."

Short, the only player to score a win over Karpov this year when he defeated the former world champion in the tournament at Linares, Spain, in March, was at a loss for an explanation.

"Seven moves into the resumption, I missed a winning continuation," he said. "I don't know what came over me. I had analysed it so well, but Karpov took a completely different line from what I had prepared."

"He played without any threats, just co-ordinating his pieces. Maybe that's why I went wrong," Short said.

Karpov agreed. "Nigel should have flooded me ten times over, even though it was not so easy as some of the others thought," he said. "But when he wasted his best chance, I could easily even out. I was lucky."

The extra half point boosted Karpov's score to six points from the eight games he has played so far in Rotterdam and kept him on top of the standings with a half-point lead over Jan Timman of the Netherlands and Britain's John Nunn, who tallied 5-1/2 points from nine games each.

It also kept alive Karpov's chances of tying reigning world champion Gary Kasparov of the Soviet Union in the race for the World Cup.



Anatoly Karpov

## Top stars miss US meeting

HOUSTON, June 16, (Reuters): No-shows stole the spotlight at the US championship yesterday and assured the Americans of a relatively inexperienced international team for September's World Cup competition.

Olympic champions Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Andre Phillips, and world stars Harry "Butch" Reynolds and Greg Foster, pulled out of the meeting for various reasons, leaving the Americans with only two of the 1988 US Olympic winners as candidates for Barcelona's World Cup, the season's top meeting.

Soul winners Carl Lewis, Joe DeLoach and Steve Lewis previously said they would not compete in the US qualifier for Barcelona. Steve Lewis is injured, while sprinters Carl Lewis and DeLoach are protesting policies of the Athletics Congress (TAC), the sport's US governing body.

World 400-metres hurdles record holder Edwin Moses and Olympic women's 100 metres silver medalist Evelyn Ashford also did not compete.

A lot of people are trying to get back at TAC by not competing but they are just burning bridges and keeping the sport down," said Olympic 110-metres champion Roger Kingdom, who along with women's high jumper Louise Ritter are the only 1988 US gold medalists competing in the championships at the University of Houston.

According to their respective spokesmen, world 400 metres record holder Reynolds and Foster, the two-time high hurdles world champion, are injured; Phillips, the 400-metres hurdles, has a virus and Joyner-Kersey, the heptathlete and long jump gold medalist, is fatigued.

Kingdom clocked a wind-aided 13.28 seconds in 110-metre hurdles qualifying. But the event lost much of its glamour with the absence of Foster and world record holder Renaldo Nehemiah, who was said by another athlete to be in Spain.

The gusting wind also aided numerous other qualifiers. Tanajayla Stanley clocked 12.82 seconds in the women's 100 metres hurdles, Daron Council ran the men's 100 metres in 9.98 seconds, Esther Jones finished the women's 100 metres in 11.07 seconds and Floyd Heard clocked 20.15 seconds in the men's 200 metres.

Mike Conley topped triple jump qualifying with a best of 16.95 metres (55 feet, 7 1/2 inches).

Nan Davis won the day's only final, the women's 100,000 metres, as she clocked 32 minutes, 34.59 seconds.

## Flo-Jo may return to run marathon

HOUSTON, June 16, (Reuters): World 100- and 200-metre record holder Florence Griffith Joyner may come out of retirement to run the marathon, her husband said yesterday.

"She's been buying books on how to run the marathon and how to train for it, and she has been asking distance runners about it," Al Joyner, her husband and the 1984 Olympic triple jump champion, told Reuters.

"She is really sincere. A lot of people will laugh about this, but you don't laugh at Florence Griffith Joyner," he said.

"If she comes back, it's going to be the marathon. I really believe that. And if she does it in 1991, she says she'll go for the Olympic team in 1992. She thinks she can run 2:18."

That would be faster than Ingrid Kristiansen's world best time of 2:21:06.

Griffith Joyner blazed to world records of 10.49 seconds in the 100 metres and 21.34 seconds in the 200 metres last year in a season when she won three Olympic gold medals and a silver.

She announced her retirement in February to pursue commercial ventures that have made her several million dollars, including marketing a Flo-Jo doll, writing children's books and pursuing acting opportunities.

"But she really likes to run," her husband said. "But she said the only way she would come back to run the 100 (metres) would be if Evelyn Ashford broke her record."

Ashford, the 1984 Olympic champion and 1988 runner-up to Griffith Joyner, held the 100 metres before Griffith Joyner smashed it.

Griffith Joyner, who won the 100 metres and 200 metres at the 1984 Olympics, said she was "very happy" to be back in the sport.

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# Padres outlast Reds

## Braves overcome Giants

SAN DIEGO, June 16, (AP): Jack Clark, yanked from the starting lineup because of a batting slump, had a pinch-hit single in the 12th inning, scoring Mark Parent to give the San Diego Padres a 1-0 victory over the Cincinnati Reds yesterday.

Parent singled with one out in the 12th off Tim Lincecum, 2-1, the fourth Cincinnati pitcher. After Garry Templeton singled parent to second, Clark batted for reliever Greg Harris, 2-2, and Kent Tekulve relieved Birtas.

"It was good for me to be out for a couple of days," Clark said. "It was a situation where I could get away from baseball and watch everybody else play."

Harris struck out four in two innings in relief of Bruce Hurst, who pitched 10 innings, allowing eight hits and one walk and striking out 10.

Rolando Roomes kept the game scoreless for the Reds in the fourth inning when he reached over the right field fence to catch a potential two-run homer by Bob Nelson, who had homered in the previous game when he replaced Clark in the lineup.

Elsewhere yesterday: Atlanta 2, San Francisco 1; St. Louis 4, Montreal 3; Los Angeles 2, Houston 1; Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 3; New York 4,

Chicago 3.

Braves 2, Giants 1

John Smoltz allowed seven hits and Lonnie Smith homered as Atlanta snapped a six-game losing streak. The victory stopped a five-game Giants' winning streak.

Cardinals 4, Expos 3

Pinch-hitter Tom Pagnozzi singled home Milt Thompson with one out in the 10th inning, as the Cardinals edged the Expos' 4-3.

Dodgers 2, Astros 1

Pinch hitter Mariano Duncan's single drove in Franklin Stubbs in the 11th inning for Los Angeles. John Wetteland picked up his first Major League win against no losses.

Pirates 5, Phillies 3

Gary Redus and Jose Lind hit solo home runs in a game with three rain delays. Doug Drabek, 4-5, won his third straight decision since ending a five-game losing streak May 25.

Mets 4, Cubs 3

Gregg Jefferies singled home the winning run with two outs in the 12th inning, ending a five-hour evening in the rain.

Mariners 9, Twins 5

Alvin Davis' Grand Slam in the seventh inning and Greg Briley's two-run homer in the eighth boosted the Seattle

Mariners over the Minnesota Twins 9-5 yesterday.

Infield singles by Omar Vizquel, Harold Reynolds and Greg Briley loaded the bases before Davis connected for the sixth Grand Slam of his career and his seventh homer of the season to put Seattle ahead 7-5. Briley's second home run of the year came with Omar Vizquel aboard.

Reliever Dennis Powell, 2-2, retired the Twins in order in the sixth to gain the victory. Mike Jackson pitched the final three innings to gain his third save.

The Mariners came back from a 5-0 deficit after two innings.

Reliever Steve Shields, 0-1, took the loss.

In other action yesterday: Milwaukee 6, Toronto 4; Kansas City 5, Cleveland 4; Baltimore 3, New York 2; Detroit at Boston rained out.

Brewers 6, Blue Jays 4

Gary Sheffield's seventh-inning sacrifice fly drove in the winning run and Bob Deer hit two home runs. Milwaukee reliever Tony Fossas, 1-0, earned his first Major League victory.

Orioles 3, Yankees 2

Rene Gonzales singled home the winning run with two out in the 10th inning. Gonzales' hit snapped an 0-for-9 drought and

drove in Mickey Tettleton, who led off with a double of Lance McCullers, who entered the game in the eighth with a 2-1 lead after Richard Dotson scattered eight hits in seven innings.

### Standings

American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	34	27	.557	-
New York	30	33	.476	5
Cleveland	30	34	.469	5 1/2
Milwaukee	30	34	.469	5 1/2
Boston	28	32	.467	5 1/2
Toronto	29	35	.453	6 1/2
Detroit	25	38	.397	10
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	41	23	.643	-
Kansas City	39	25	.609	2
California	36	26	.581	4
Texas	36	27	.571	4 1/2
Minnesota	30	33	.476	10 1/2
Seattle	31	35	.470	11
Chicago	24	41	.369	17 1/2
National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	35	29	.547	-
Montreal	35	30	.538	1 1/2
New York	32	30	.516	2
St. Louis	32	30	.516	2
Pittsburgh	25	36	.410	8 1/2
Philadelphia	22	39	.361	11 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	38	27	.585	-
Houston	37	28	.569	1 1/2
Cincinnati	36	28	.563	1 1/2
Los Angeles	33	31	.516	4 1/2
San Diego	32	35	.478	7
Atlanta	25	39	.391	12 1/2



King (centre) with Tyson (right) and 'The Truth' Williams at the press conference. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Tyson and press hear 'The Truth'

NEW YORK, June 16, (AP): Promoter Don King had finished with his rambling introductions and heavyweight champion Mike Tyson had answered a couple of questions before reporters and onlookers finally heard The Truth at a news conference yesterday.

Carl "The Truth" Williams, who will challenge Tyson July 21 at Atlantic City, New Jersey, was stopped by rainy-day traffic snarls and didn't arrive from his Catskill mountain training camp until the news conference was 40 minutes old.

Actually, the news conference called by Donald Trump, who will be the live-site promoter, was an hour, 10 minutes late starting, making Williams' arrival almost two hours behind schedule.

"I'm a little late," Williams said. "I was so mad I forgot I was fighting for championship."

Once on the scene, Williams easily outtalked Tyson, who seemed bored with the proceedings and said he would return to Cleveland rather than stay to receive his second Fighter of the Year award from the Boxing Writers Association of America.

"It's going to be a very, very interesting fight, more interesting than my opponent thinks it is going to be," Williams said.

## Cooper failed drug test before fight

PHOENIX, Arizona, June 16, (AP): Heavyweight boxer Bert Cooper failed a drug test hours before he entered the ring to fight George Foreman, a newspaper said yesterday.

The June 1 bout before a crowd estimated at 2,000 ended after two rounds when Cooper refused to leave his corner. Because Cooper showed no signs of injury, the Arizona Boxing Commission withheld payment of his \$17,500 share of the purse.

commission on the urinalysis results, which the Arizona republic said showed traces of cocaine or other drugs. In addition to refusing to release purse, the commission could revoke his boxing license and fine him.

The newspaper cited a source close to the commission for the report.

On June 9, Cooper appeared before the commission to answer the complaint that his share of the purse, or a portion of it, should be withheld because of his inability to perform.

## Beating All Blacks very difficult: French coach

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, June 16, (Reuter): French rugby coach Jacques Fouroux has virtually given up hope of beating the All Blacks — and he's willing to give 100-1 odds against his side winning tomorrow's first Test.

Fouroux offered the odds to reporters today, saying: "It's a pity there will be no little suspense."

France comes to Christchurch after scraping two unconvincing wins and losing one match against lowly provincial sides on its New Zealand tour so far.

Fouroux has had harsh words for his players' performance which has been overshadowed by reports splashed over New Zealand newspapers that team members fondled a topless woman during a dinner at their Christchurch hotel.

Fouroux described the reports as a "vast hoax."

But the All Blacks themselves are not so sure they are entitled to such overwhelming favouritism.

"You would have to be pretty gullible to think just because the French have been playing poorly in provincial games they won't play well in the Test," All Black captain Wayne Shelford said.

On their day France were the most dangerous side in the world, he said, adding the All Blacks respected France as the current European Five Nations champion.

But it's hard to see the All Blacks' stunning win on Friday and they will be out to avenge their last defeat in 1986 when they lost 16-3 in Nantes.

Several leading All Blacks also know their international futures may be on the line. A number of players have come under fire since a shadow Test team struggled to beat a virtual New Zealand "B team" at a trial two weeks ago.

Shelford acknowledged this point, saying a top display was a priority to reward to faith coach Alex Wyllie had shown in the players. The All Black team is unchanged from one which scored an impressive win over Australia in Sydney last year.

France has two newcomers to Test rugby: Standoff half Philippe Rouge-Thomas and hooker Dominique Bouet. But the side still has 447 Tests caps between them to the All Blacks' 205.

Although France has line-out height and experienced, strong scrum-mages, the All Blacks' overall forward ability should be tomorrow's crucial factor.

Teams: France — Serge Blanco, Philippe Berot, Philippe Sella, Franck Mesnel, Patrice Lagisquet, Philippe Rouge-Thomas, Pierre Berbizier (captain), Laurent Rodriguez, Dominique Erbani, Jean Condona, Thierry Devergie, Marc Ceillon, Jean-Pierre Garret, Dominique Bouet, Pascal Ondarte, Reserves — Marc Pujolle, Olivier Roumat, Alain Carminat, Henri Sanz, Marc Andrieu, Denis Charvet.

New Zealand — John Gallagher, John Kirwan, Joe Stanley, Terry Wright, John Schuster, Grant Fox, Bruce Deans, Wayne Shelford (captain), Michael Jones, Murray Pierce, Gary Whetton, Alan Whetton, Richard Loe, Sean Fitzpatrick, Steve McDowall. Reserves — Bernie McCahill, Frano Botica, Graeme Bachop, Zinzan Brooke, Warren Gaitland, Ron Williams.

## Lions face tough game against Queensland

BRISBANE, Australia, June 16, (Reuter): The British Lions face the genius of flyhalf Michael Lynagh for the first time on their Australian tour tomorrow but it is their front row who could learn most from the match against Queensland.

Queensland are by far the strongest representative team in Australia thanks to a pack which contains six or seven players who could make the Wallabies side for the first Test on July 1.

Captain Bill Campbell is almost certain to team up with Steve Cutler from New South Wales in the second row while Jeff Miller and Julian Gardner may form the flanker pairing.

However, there is little doubt that Queensland props Dan Crowley and Cameron Lillicrap plus hooker Mark McBain will form the front row trio against the Lions in the Sydney Test.

Facing them in the third game of the 12-match tour will be the same combination which played in the opening match against Western Australia — David Young, Brian Moore and David Sole.

Scotland's Sole is the only prop considered here to have the technique and experience to cause problems to the Wallabies, and Young in particular can expect a rough ride up front.

The line-outs should see another interesting battle between Campbell and the most battle-hardened member of the Lions side, Welshman Robert Norster. But the game could be won or lost by the performance of

the two half-back combinations.

Scrumhalf Robert Jones and flyhalf Craig Chalmers are almost certain to form the Lions Test pairing and they face what many consider the best duo in Australian rugby — Peter Slattery and Lynagh.

Slattery has proved a more potent weapon than Wallabies captain Nick Farr-Jones this season and has provided the quick service for Lynagh to recapture his best form.

The boyish-looking Lynagh, the highest points scorer in Australian Test rugby, has shed the cramping tunnel vision and kick-when-in-doubt mentality that injury and former national coach Alan Jones's playing methods enforced on him.

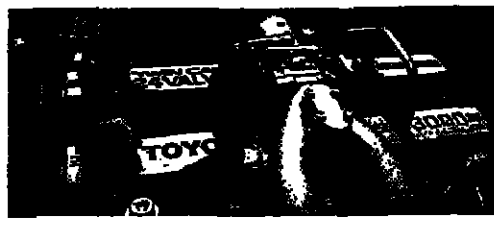
He is once again the complete flyhalf, scoring at will from set pieces close to the opposition line and his long cut-out pass to full-back Greg Martin has set up several tries this year.

Teams: Queensland — Greg Martin, Isei Siganiyavi, Anthony Herbert, Dominic Maguire, Paul Carozza, Michael Lynagh, Peter Slattery, Sam Scott-Young, Julian Gardner, Rod McCall, Bill Campbell (Captain), Jeff Miller, Cameron Lillicrap, Mark McBain, Dan Crowley.

British Lions — Gavin Hastings, Mike Hall, Scott Hastings, John Devereux, Rory Underwood, Craig Chalmers, Robert Jones, Dean Richards, Mike Teague, Paul Ackford, Robert Norster, Finlay Calder, David Sole, Brian Moore, David Young.

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## Champions trophy

WEST BERLIN, June 16, (Reuters): Netherlands beat India 4-1 (half-time 1-1) in the Champions' Trophy men's hockey tournament today.

In another game, Pakistan beat Britain 2-1 (2-0).  
Scorers: Pakistan: Zahid Sharif (11th), Arif Bhopali (27th). Britain: Sean Kerly (47th).

## Hole-in-one

ROCHESTER, N.Y., June 16, (Reuters): Four golfers fired holes-in-one today at the same hole at the second round of the US Open golf championship. Doug Weaver, Mark Wiebe, Jerry Pate and Nick Price of South Africa all sent their tee shot straight into the cup at the 167-yard sixth hole at the Oak Hill east course.

## World best

GENEVA, June 16, (Reuters): Switzerland's Dano Halsall set a men's 50 metres freestyle short-course swimming world best last night when he clocked 21.81 seconds in a municipal pool, the Swiss news agency ATS said.

## Chess star

LONDON, June 16, (AP): The Soviet woman chess star who defected to the United States with the captain of the American men's team last November, arrived from Moscow with her daughter yesterday to begin a new life in the West. Elena Akhmedovskaya had returned to the Soviet Union from her home in Seattle, Washington, on May 26 to arrange an exit visa for Dana, the seven-year-old daughter from her first marriage.

## Cup ties

ZURICH, June 16, (Reuters): Iran and China will play their World Cup qualifying ties, postponed on June 11 and 21, on July 15 and 22, an International Football Federation (FIFA) official said today. The first leg will be in Shenyang, north-east China, on July 15 and the return in Tehran a week later.

## Carl Lewis

HOUSTON, June 16, (Reuters): Double Olympic gold medalist Carl Lewis is preparing to go to altitude later this year in a bid to break Bob Beamon's legendary long jump world record. Lewis, who has always previously opposed the idea of jumping at altitude, told Reuters he hoped to compete in Seestrie, Italy, in August where he would attack the 21-year-old Mark Beamon set at the Mexico Olympics.

## British team

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 16, (AP): World mile record-holder Steve Cram and Olympic medalist Linford Christie and Liz McColgan head of a strong British team for next week's track and field meet against the United States, the Soviet Union and West Germany.

## Tennis organisers

LONDON, June 16, (AP): Organisers of the four grand slam tennis tournaments have joined forces to strengthen their control of the French and US Opens, Wimbledon and the Australian championships.

## Pakistan lead

ISLAMABAD, June 16, (Reuters): Pakistan led Bangladesh 2-0 after the opening singles of their Davis Cup Asia-Oceania group two semifinal tennis tie today. Results (Pakistan names first): Mushaf Zia beat Shovon Jamaly 6-4 6-2 6-0. Hameedul Haq beat Faisal Rehman 6-0 6-0 6-0.

## Thailand ahead

BANGKOK, June 16, (Reuters): Thailand led Sri Lanka 2-0 after the opening singles of their Davis Cup Asia-Oceania Zone group two tennis semifinal today. Results (Thailand names first): Thanakorn Sriphanphat beat Niel Rajapakse 6-2 6-1 6-1. Voraphol Thongkamchut beat Arjun Fernando 6-1 6-4 7-5.

## Connors wins

EDINBURGH, June 16, (Reuters): Former Wimbledon champion Jimmy Connors took time out to amuse the crowd as he took his place in the semifinals of the Scottish grass court championships with a 6-4 7-5 win over fellow-veteran Vitas Gerulaitis yesterday.

## Davis Cup

ATHENS, June 16, (Reuters): Georgos Kalovelonis and Costas Efremogou beat Jacques Vincileoni and Christophe Boggetti 6-3 6-4 7-5 in the doubles to give Greece a 2-1 lead over Monaco in their Davis Cup European Zone Group Two tennis semifinal today.

## Cycling race

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, June 16, (AP): Johan Bruyneel of Belgium won the second stage of the Tour of Switzerland road cycling race yesterday, a 197.5-kilometre (123-mile) riding featuring two Alpine passes.

## Navratilova can win Wimbledon, says Durie

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 16, (Reuters): Martina Navratilova is capable of winning Wimbledon for a record ninth time.

That is the verdict of Britain's Jo Durie, crushed 6-1 6-2 in 43 minutes by the 32-year-old American in the third round of the Edgbaston women's tennis tournament yesterday.

"I think she has every chance the way

she is playing," Durie said after her comprehensive defeat.

"No excuses, I was beaten by a much better player," said the Briton. "I don't think I played too badly, but she was so strong."

Navratilova, beaten in last year's Wimbledon women's final by Steffi Graf who succeeded her as the world number one, dropped only six points on her own serve

against Durie.

"I got into a nice rhythm from the start. I'm much more relaxed than I have been for a very long time," she said.

Navratilova also teamed up with Billie Jean King in doubles Wednesday for the first time in nine years, with mixed results.

The pair, with 89 Wimbledon singles and doubles titles between them, won a postponed first-round match over Maria

Lindstrom of Sweden and Heather Ludloff of the United States before losing in the second round to Australians Anne Minter and Julie Richardson.

Today's Results:  
2-Zina Garrison (US) beat Kimiko Date (Japan) 6-3 6-2, 1-Martina Navratilova (US) beat Kirsten Radford (Australia) 6-4 6-2, 12-Elena Reinach (South Africa) beat Betsy Nagelsen (US) 1-6 6-3 7-5, 5-Claudia Kohde-Klich (West Germany) beat 15-Ana Henricksson (US) 6-2 6-4.

## Lendl tames Stich for semifinals

Top seed made to fight for victory



Lendl fought back after losing the second set

LONDON, June 16, (UPI): Ivan Lendl progressed into the semifinals of the Stella Artois Grass Court Championships for the first time in six years today, downing West German Michael Stich 6-4 4-6 6-3.

But the No. 1 seed was made to fight all the way by the big-serving, big hitting Stich, who at times had Lendl in trouble with some glorious drop shots.

"I think he served well, and varied his shots with so much different pace and speed," said Lendl.

"I knew almost nothing about him before the match. All I knew was that he was a good server and hit the ball well. The best I could do today was to try and return his serve and keep doing the things I do best."

Lendl raced away in the first set and eventually broke Stich's serve in the eighth match with a brilliant back hand after Stich

looked to have hit a winner long to the baseline.

With Lendl's tall frame quickly gaining momentum, Stich eventually threw away the first set when he double faulted for the first time in the match in the tenth game.

But the 20-year-old West German, never shot on resilience, started to pin Lendl down in the second set and should have broken the big Czech's serve in the second game when he trailed 0-40.

But Lendl pulled back to lead 2-1 but Stich, putting in powerful winners, broke Lendl's serve in the fourth game with a low, hard backhand to the baseline.

Lendl questioned one line decision and then a feeble return from Stich's second serve allowed the West German to clinch the second set.

A betting man might have wished he'd put money on Stich

making the semifinals at this stage... especially when he served to live to make it 1-1 in the third set.

But Lendl's experience was starting to show as the cracks appeared in Stich's attractive but very predictable game.

Lendl broke the West German's serve in the fourth game... and from then on dominated play to take a 4-1 lead.

And despite Lendl's one and only double fault in the eighth game, his last shot, a good punched volley, made the match his. "The more I practice on grass the better," he added. Everything seems to be going well. Obviously, I'm a much better player than I was when I reached the semifinals here in 1983."

Yesterday Lendl and Mats Wilander declared themselves delighted with their preparation for Wimbledon.



## Chang loses again

ROSNALLEN, Netherlands, June 16, (Reuters): Michael Chang suffered a second defeat yesterday, underlining the French Open champion's inexperience on fast grass courts.

New Zealand's Kelly Evernden beat him 6-2 6-3 in the Continental Grass Court Championship and cast further doubt over Chang's Wimbledon chances later this month.

Chang lacked the concentration that helped him win in Paris and his baseline game stood no chance against the aggressive serve-and-volley tactics of his opponent.

The American admitted he was disappointed but he would continue preparations for Wimbledon here as planned.

Miloslav Mezir easily beat American Dan Goldie 6-3 6-4 while West Germany's Carl-Uwe Steeb defeated Slobodan Zivojinovic of Yugoslavia 6-4 7-5. Above: Chang about to return the ball. (Reuters wirephoto)

## NBA Expansion clubs take Mahorn and Green

NEW YORK, June 16, (AP): Even the Minnesota Timberwolves, an NBA Expansion club, felt a little sorry for Rick Mahorn.

The 6-foot-10 (2.10 metre) forward was a starter on the Detroit Pistons, who won the National Basketball Association championship on Tuesday night and were celebrating the victory yesterday when Mahorn learned he was now a member of the Timberwolves. Mahorn left the party without comment.

"He went from world champion one day to 'hello expansion' the next," player personnel director Billy McKinney said. "How would you feel about it?"

McKinney had a similar experience in 1980. He was on a successful Kansas City team, but was left unprotected and was taken by Dallas in the Expansion draft.

Mahorn was Minnesota's first of 11 selections in the expansion draft and second overall behind Sidney Green, who was taken by the Orlando Magic, another Expansion club, from the New York Knicks.

Green, a backup forward-centre for New York who figured to be a role player if he stayed with the Knicks, was delighted to be the first man on the roster of the magic.

The 6-9 Green, who averaged 6.3 points and five rebounds for the Knicks, said it was "very complimentary of the Orlando Magic to make me the No. 1 pick. They saw someone they like. I'll play wherever they like. It's a challenge."

Green had no bitterness at all that he was left unprotected by the Knicks.

"I wish them the best," he said. "I hope they win a championship with Al Bianchi as general manager."

Each NBA team except last year's Expansion clubs — Charlotte and Miami — lost one player in the draft, with Orlando taking 12 players and Minnesota 11. Orlando won a coin flip Monday and opted to pick first in the Expansion draft, while Minnesota will get the 10th pick and Orlando the 11th in the college draft on June 27.

Other players taken by Orlando were guard Reggie Theus of Atlanta, forward Terry Catledge of Washington, guard Sam Vincent of Chicago, guard Otis Smith of Golden State, guard Scott Skiles of Indiana, forward Jerry Reynolds of Seattle, centre Mark Acres of Boston, guard Morlon Wiley of Dallas, guard Jim Farmer of Utah, forward-centre Keith Lee of New Jersey and guard Frank Johnson of Houston.

## Umpire warns Lancashire bowlers

## Aussies cruise to nine-wicket win

MANCHESTER, England, June 16, (Reuters): The Australian batsmen were forced to contend with a barrage of short-pitched deliveries from Lancashire's two overseas pacemen Patrick Patterson and Wasim Akram on their way to a nine-wicket win today.

The series of bouncers came when the touring team began their second innings needing only 82 for their third win over a county side.

Pakistani Test bowler Wasim was spoken to by umpire Allan Jones after hitting opener Mike Veletta on the shoulder.

Veletta finally surrendered to Wasim just after he and Geoff Marsh had posted a half-century stand when he mistimed a pull and spooned a catch to Peter Martin at mid-on. He made 22.

Marsh, skipping the Australian side in the absence of Allan Border, and David Boon steered the touring team to vic-

tory soon after lunch on the final day.

Earlier, Australian seamer Greg Campbell added to his four wickets of yesterday when he had Ian Folley brilliantly caught at slip by Marsh for 27.

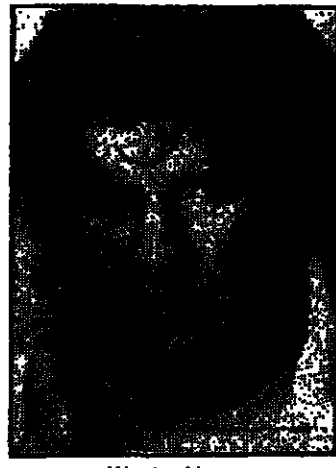
Lancashire, resuming at 172 for eight, were all out for 185, Campbell finishing with his best four figures of five for 54 for 20 overs.

Campbell, who picked up only one wicket on his Test match debut at Headingley, had a match return of seven for 102.

Yesterday, Lancashire spinner Dexter Fitton hit a career best 44 to deny Australia an extra rest day after they had threatened to overwhelm Lancashire.

After building a first innings lead of 104, Australia reduced Lancashire to 101 for seven in their second innings.

But then Fitton linked up with fellow spinner Folley to add 71 for the eighth wicket in a defiant



Wasim Akram

rescue act. Fitton finally misused Steve Waugh's last ball of the day.

## Scoreboard

LANCASHIRE first innings 184 (G. Lawson four for 44)  
AUSTRALIA first innings 288 (D. Jones 59, P. Patterson four for 48)

## Dexter under fire over absence

England manager watched match on TV

LONDON, June 16, (Reuters): Ted Dexter, England's chairman of selectors, is under fire for missing the final two days of the first cricket Test against Australia at Leeds.

Yesterday the press turned its attention from the 210-run defeat to Dexter's decision to watch the match on television from his office in London where he has a public relations firm.

When his presence was raised in a television interview on Wednesday, Dexter refused to carry on.

He said: "Actually, I am going to stop this one." Raising his hand, he added: "I'm not going to do that one."

Dexter said later a formula for the interview had been agreed but the interviewer had not stuck to it.

London Times columnist David Miller said yesterday: "Dexter should know enough about public relations to have been aware that as a much-publicised and well-remunerated chairman of the selectors, he needed to be alongside his troops, win or lose."

If Dexter felt it was not part of his brief to be at the match it

should be, Miller added.

But TCCB spokesman Peter Smith told Reuters yesterday: "Dexter has always made it quite clear that once the match starts the main day-to-day responsibility for the side is with the team manager and team captain."

Dexter is reported to have said he saw more on television than he would have from the England

balcony at Leeds.

He rang to congratulate captain David Gower after the follow-on was saved, only for England's batting to cave in dramatically on the final afternoon.

The selectors were meeting this evening to pick the squad for the second Test starting at Lord's next Thursday.



Dexter (right) with Gower.

## Former 3,000m Olympic gold medalist retires

VIENNA, June 16, (Reuters): Romanian Marica Puica, who won the 1984 Olympic women's 3,000 metres final in which the favourite Mary Decker-Stanley fell, has retired from competition.

The Romanian news agency Agerpres said today Puica, 39, would join her husband Ion in coaching Romania's latest middle and long-distance star, Paula Ivan.

Puica, easily recognisable with her long, flowing blonde hair, won the Olympic 3,000 metres title in Los Angeles after double Olympic champion Slaney and South-African born British runner Zola Budd collided.

Puica said after the race. Recalling the Decker-Budd collision, Puica said she had briefly considered helping the American get up.

In 23 years of competition Puica won an Olympic gold and bronze medal, five European Cup gold and two silver medals, and three gold and one bronze in World Cross Country Championships.

She also set five world records and two European records.

## Tavare century just fails to halt Essex in Cup

LONDON, June 16, (Reuters): A sparkling century by former England player Chris Tavare just failed to prevent Essex snatching a last-ball win over Somerset at Taunton on Wednesday and reaching the final of the Benson and Hedges Cup.

Tavare raced to his century from only 86 balls as Somerset chased the Essex total of 293 for five, but then could only watch from the other end as number 11 Darren Foster was bowled off the final delivery.

That left Somerset all out for 289 in their 55 overs with Tavare unbeaten on 104.

Somerset's hopes rose when Tavare and tailender Adrian Jones crashed 55 runs from just five overs for the ninth wicket

after they had looked likely to fall well short of their target.

Ten runs were required off the last over from John Lever and the turning point came when Jones was run out off the third ball going for a second run.

Foster needed to hit a six off the last ball to win but instead had his stumps shattered by Lever.

Essex's large total owed much to Paul Prichard who scored an unbeaten 73 and shared in a fifth-wicket stand of 87 in nine overs with John Stephenson.

Prichard struck three sixes and seven fours in his 68-ball stay.

Their opponents in the final at Lord's on

July 15 will be Nottinghamshire who scored an emphatic 69-run win over Kent at Trent Bridge — thanks mainly to 25-year-old left-arm spinner Andrew Afford who was called into the side as a late replacement.

Afford ripped the heart out of the Kent batting with a spell of four for 10 in the space of 22 deliveries, wrecking their hopes of overhauling Notts total of 296 for six.

His teasing spin sent Kent reeling from a promising 135 for one to 153 for five and they eventually crumbled to 227 all out.

Notts' skipper Tim Robinson was in fine form with a hard hit 80, England opener Chris Broad made 66 and in-form Paul

Pollard weighed in with a quickfire 77.

## Results

At Taunton: Essex beat Somerset for four runs. Essex 293 for five innings closed (P. Prichard 73 not out, A. Lilley 43). Somerset 289 in three innings closed (C. Tavare 104 not out, P. Roebuck 53, N. Foster three for 56).

At Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire beat Kent by 69 runs. Nottinghamshire 296 for six innings closed (T. Robinson 80, P. Pollard 77, C. Broad 66, Kent 227 in 48.4 overs (M. Benson 65, S. Hinks 49, J. Afford four for 38).

Final: Essex v Nottinghamshire, July 14, at Lord's.

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